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THE TOURNAMENT

To be Held in Decatur by Illinois Firemen.

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Held a Meeting in This City Today to Make Arrangements—Decided on Date and Make Out a Prize List.

The members of the state executive board of the Illinois Firemen's association held a meeting at the St. Nicholas hotel today to make arrangements for the firemen's tournament which is to be held in Decatur next summer. Members of the local volunteer firemen met with the committee.

The following are the names of the members of the committee who were in attendance: President O. D. Wilcox of Monmouth, Secretary E. W. Barkman of Decatur, Treasurer C F Buck of Monmouth, Statistician B. F. Staymates of Clinton and Vice Presidents D. Bentz of Edwardsville, D. C. Smith of Savannah, H. Schreiber of Bine Island, T. H. Bracken of Polo, A. J. Graff of Dixon, M. J. Myers of Mt Pulaski, George W. Kraft of Decatur and J. E. Moffett of Clinton.

The members of the local executive committee, who met with the state committee this afternoon were James Hughes, W. W. Foster, G. W. Kraft, Chief C. W. Devore and Peter Halmbacher. It was decided to held the tournament on July 19, 20 and 21. The exercises will be at the trotting park. It was also decided to offer $1600 in cash prizes. It is expected that the tournament will be the largest that has ever been held in the state. The rules and regulations of the contests are being discussed by the committee this afternoon.

Paid $2432.50.

John Lytle, secretary, today paid to Mrs. William Bowers $2432.50. This receipt explains itself:

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 23, 1898.—Received from the hand of the secretary of Central Lodge, No 8, I. O. M. A., warrant for $2432 50, being amount of benefit certificate for $2000 with accrued assessments, which my deceased husband had paid in the order up to the time of his death.

I can recommend the I O. M. A. to anyone wishing to carry safe life insurance as being prompt in paying their obligations

Wishing the order and members a continued prosperity,

Respectfully your,
Emily S. Bowers.

Art and Literature Division.

The Art and Literature division of the Woman's club have arranged a program of more than ordinary interest for their meeting tomorrow afternoon. In the art class Mrs. Mary A Haworth will give a paper on the Chicago Art Institute, Miss Gale a paper on the Arts of America, and Miss Freeman will give the ceramic paper. The hour devoted to literature will include a review of the current magazines by Misses Cake and Brooks and Mesdames King and Whitmore, and Mrs. Haworth will review the Zola trial, giving a sketch of the Dreyfus scandal and the trial of Zola

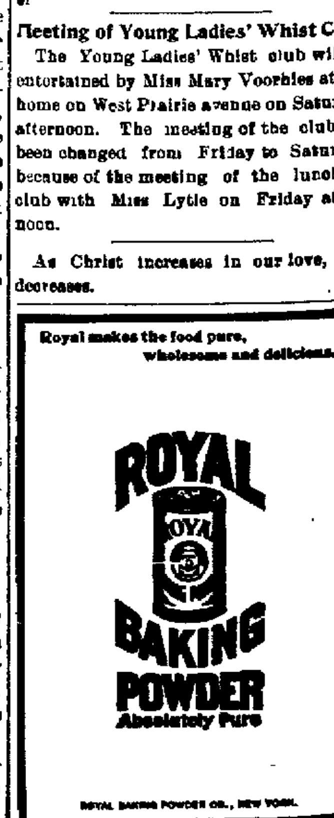
Retail Grocers.

I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co.'s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffees. In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor. I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees. For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Yours truly, D. F. Riddell.—15-tf

Meeting of Young Ladies' Whist Club.

The Young Ladies' Whist club will be entertained by Miss Mary Voorhies at her home on West Prairie avenue on Saturday afternoon. The meeting of the club has been changed from Friday to Saturday because of the meeting of the luncheon club with Miss Lytle on Friday afternoon.

As Christ increases in our love, self decreases.



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UNCLE SAM IS NOW READY FOR WAR.

Sensational Developments Growing Out of the Maine Disaster Investigation.

A TORPEDO DID THE AWFUL WORK--IT WAS NO ACCIDENT

United States Warships Coaled Up and Guns in Position for the Work of Destruction.

The Tension at Washington is Intense--President McKinley Has Not Been Idle--The War Department in Good Shape--Plenty of Money In Sight--Havana News.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Evening Star's Havana special says: At this writing divers are developing important results.

From an examination of the interior of the wreckage they have secured evidence which seems conclusive that the explosion came from underneath the ship.

Some smaller magazines may have exploded The main 10-inch magazine did not explode.

The further the investigation progresses the more untenable becomes the Spanish government's efforts to show accidental cause.

Said one diver who has been engaged in the work of getting bodies out from under the batch: "God may be merciful to the men who blew those poor fellows into eternity, the United States should not be."

This was before Secretary Long's order prohibiting the officers from talking. This diver evidently thought the explosion not accidental. He had an expert's capacity and opportunity for judging.

The Havana public is not permitted to know the intensity of public sentiment in the United States. Only meagre details are permitted to be known of what happens

ALL READY TO ACT.

Government Officials at Washington Waiting for Inquiry Result.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Long in answer to inquiries as to whether the department was suppressing information concerning the disaster to the Maine, wrote the following: "'No telegram has been received from either Admiral Sicard or Captains Sigsbee or Sampson since yesterday and the department has received no information in regard to the disaster not already made public. The department is waiting the result of the inquiry and public opinion should be suspended until official information is received."

It can be stated on the highest authority that there is absolutely nothing disquieting received at the white house, nor is important news expected until the naval court has completed its investigation. It is known that the government has not received any information from official sources tending to show with any degree of certainty that the exploison was the work of enemies.

The house subcommittee on military affairs agreed to report favorably without amendment the senate bill to increase the artillery force by two regiments.

The house took up the sundry civil appropriation bill.

In the senate at the conclusion of the morning business Senator Allen's resolution, introduced yesterday for a special senate committee to investigate the Maine disaster, came up. Senator Allen said he was satisfied from the vote on his amendment yesterday there was no chance for his resolution, so he withdrew it.

The Regular Army.

Kansas City, Feb. 24.—The Journal's Leavenworth dispatch says a state of tension exists at Fort Leavenworth caused by the receipt of tele...

orders to have the entire command in readiness to move on 24 hours' notice.

POWELL AND THE PRESIDENT

What Major McKinley Said to Illinois Citizen.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—General William Powell of Belleville, Ill., who commanded the regiment in which President McKinley served during the civil war, recently internal revenue collector in southern Illinois, returned from Washington today. He said while there he discussed the Maine disaster with President McKinley. "The president stated to me," said the general, "that he was only waiting the report of the naval board. Should it report that our sailors met death through Spanish treachery, he was prepared to act at once in a manner to meet the approval of every loyal American citizen."

SECRET PASSAGE FOR TROOPS

The Spanish Out with an Admission at Havana.

Havana, Feb. 24.—In connection with the claims made by Cubans that there are mine galleries under the harbor between Fort Cabanas and Moro Castle, the Spaniards explain that for over a century a subterranean passage two miles long, capable of giving passage to a column of troops, has existed from the navy yard to Castillo del Principe, but the location of this passage is not known to the present authorities or those who have been in power for many years past.

Entrances and exits, it is claimed, are closed by thick walls now covered with debris and the exact location is said to be lost. It is admitted, however, that records regarding the subterranean passage can be found in old documents contained in the archives at Havana. Finally the Spanish insist that this passage does not go under the harbor.

VULTURES IN HAVANA HARBOR

They Strip the Flesh from the Bones of the Dead Sailors.

Havana, Feb. 24 —A large quantity of clothing has been taken from the wreck and after it has been disinfected it will be given to the reconcentradues. The bodies of the missing officers, Lieutenant Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt, have not been recovered. The divers reached the former's room, but it was found that his body was not there.

Thus far the sharks have given no trouble, but the vultures have left scarcely anything but the skeletons of three bodies that were found near the surface of the water. The bodies were not noticed by anyone until the foul birds had completed their ghastly work. From the hand of one Chaplain Childwick removed a deeply chased gold ring for purposes of identification.

Chaplain Chadwick says that the total number of missing, many doubtless were blown to atoms, no portions of their bodies being recoverable, and there is much doubt that a considerable number of those whose remains are now being recovered, will be identified.

COTTON AND CUBA.

Agents Ordered to Stop Buying in State of Texas.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 24.—It is reported from Brennan that the agents of McFadden Bros. of Philadelphia, one of the world's great cotton firms, have been instructed to stop buying cotton. The same notification is said to have been sent to all their hundred or more agents in Texas. Inquiries are said to have brought the answer that it was because of the Cuban complications. This has caused a considerable flurry among the local cotton men.

TERROR STILL AT NORFOLK.

Monitor Held for Orders—Injunction of Silence on Officers.

Washington, Feb 24.—No orders have yet gone out to the big double-turreted monitor Terror, so that the situation as to her remains as it did yesterday, when Secretary Long stated that she was being held for orders at Norfolk.

In regard to the statement coming from Key West that naval officers there had been warned by Rear Admiral Sicard, at the instance of the navy department, not to discuss the Maine disaster publicly or with the newspaper men, it is said by naval officers that this is only the usual course, for the regulations especially prohibit such discussions as calculated to affect improperly the conclusion of the inquiry, and also perhaps to cause interposition of obstacles to the investigation. It is probable that like instructions have been given to the few naval officers who remain with Captain Sigsbee at Havana, engaged in paying the last sad rites to the bodies of the victims.

Terror Out at Sea.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 24.—The monitor Terror left this morning on its way to sea under sealed orders, but it will cruise in Hampton Roads at least for a short time. The departure created considerable excitement. Thousands witnessed it. There was no cheering, either from the shore or the vessel.

Official Denial.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—Major General John Dickinson of the National Guard of California, emphatically denies the rumors to the effect that the militia is making any preparations for war.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

The Bottom Dropped Out Because of Impending War.

New York, Feb. 24.—The bottom apparently dropped out of stocks at the opening and the depression was very acute verging towards a panic. Burlington dropped 4½ points and the whole list showed running sales downwards. There were declines of over two points in a number of prominent railroad stocks, including Northern Pacific preferred, New Jersey Central, New York Central, Union Pacific preferred and the Rock Island. Every prominent stock on the list opened at a decline and the market tended heavily downward the after the opening.

The downward tendency continued very violently for the first ten minutes, the average fall increasing to over three points. The Metropolitan street railway broke 12 points, Manhattan 9¾. The end of the first half hour, however, saw the prices steadying or rebounding. Rock Island recovered four points: Metropolitan 7; the general list 1 to 1¾. But the market was very feverish and soon prices were declining again, which greatly decreased activity and this was followed by recovery. The selling came from all parts of the country, showing general liquidation around the opening. Government bonds fell ¼ to 1 per cent. There was large purchases for London account.

Railroad bonds broke 1 to 3 points. Cotton-opened 1 to points on local covering, but soon broke 6 to 7 points on active liquidations. Local holdings and heavy foreign selling markets steadied some what, but remained feverish. Wheat was affected by Wall street and declined somewhat, but mostly by manipulation of the May option at Chicago. The market started ¼ to ⅜ lower, followed by irregular advance.

Effect in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—All grain and provision markets were affected by the slumps of stocks in New York. Wheat opened a cent lower and declined 2⅜ despite the support by Leiter. The uncertainty of the Cuban question with the big drops in securities made the bears cautious and doubtless induced considerable liquidation, though nearly all conditions during the day were decidedly bearish. Other markets weak in sympathy with wheat and stocks declined on heavy liquidations.

BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO.

Accident Theory Discarded—Spain to Pay or Fight at Once.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A torpedo, towed by a long line behind a small boat, was drawn against the bow of the Maine on the port side and exploded. It struck near the forward magazine and caused a partial explosion of its contents, completing the wreck of the forward part of the ship.

This is part evidence, part theory. It is Sigsbee's knowledge and belief. The president has received the information. He no longer entertains the opinion he did in the beginning, that the destruction was an accident. The board of inquiry is directing its investigation to the development of what is now considered the explanation of the explosion—a towed torpedo and a double explosion, first without and then within the Maine.

There need be no fears as to the character of the action the president will take. If the board is able to complete the evidence of this cause of the disaster there will be neither hesitation nor leniency shown by the president in dealing with Spain. There may be no war, but if there is not it will be because Spain does all that is demanded of her in the way of reparation.

Marked waning of the theory of accident is the development regarding the Maine. Wednesday brought the dispatch bag from Havana. The inclosures were of Saturday's date. Important and confidential communications between Washington, Key West and Havana are not now trusted to the wires. They go and come by mail under the seal of government official business. The mail brought to the department of state and to the navy department information and opinions about the destruction of the Maine which could not be cabled. When the departments closed last evening it was known that the information received was of grave character.

ACCIDENT THEORY VANISHES.

The investigation has not progressed to the point of justifying definite conclusions. It has, however, brought out enough to afford the basis of strong presumption of foul play. Almost no talk of the accident theory is heard now. At the white house and at the departments there are not longer expressions of belief that the explosion was an accident.

"The situation is grave, but nothing can be done until we have the report of the board of inquiry.' That is the response to questions.

"If it was not an accident," the officials begin their speculations as to what is to come They no longer say, "If it was an accident," etc. The gossip of the corridors and the unofficial talk now proceeds upon the expectation that the investigation will fasten responsibility on Spain. If not that, then it is believed that the report will be indefinite as to conclusions. No one in authority any longer looks for a finding of accident. The information forwarded goes to show that the inquiry has passed beyond that point. The finding will be design or mystery, with the probabilities pointing now to a conclusion that a crime was committed.

In the official information brought from Havana and Key West, Blanco and the principal officers of the Spanish government in Cuba are acquitted of personal knowledge of the plot that destroyed the Maine. That there was a plot and that the execution of it blew up the Maine is believed by Consul General Lee, Captain Sigsbee and all of the officers of the ship. Blanco is absolved from personal complicity. All of his subordinates are not. The conspirators are believed to have been followers of Weyler, who had access to the material, and who had such control of conditions as made it possible for them to carry out the plot.

So well satisfied are the officials of the government this will be the result of the inquiry that discussion of what is to come accepts it as the basis. High officers of the departments have been giving attention to the step to be taken when the board shall lay upon Spain the responsibility for the loss of the Maine. If it could be shown that the Spanish authority on the island was privy to the plot the action of this government would be a declaration of war. The squadrons would move on Havana promptly. But such a result is not looked for. If it shall appear in the report, as is expected, that subjects of Spain conspired and destroyed the Maine, then the course will be to treat Spain as responsible for the acts of her subjects and demand an indemnity. The smallest amount spoken of as likely to be named is $10,000,000. Of this $5,000,000 is considered the amount Spain should pay to the United States and $5,000,000 the amount to be distributed among the families of those who were on board. From $10,000,000 the estimates run higher.

SPAIN MUST ANSWER QUICK.

The demand for this indemnity will be peremptory if the report shall show clearly the responsibility of Spain. It will give a brief limit of time, probably not more than 48 hours. Opinions differ as to what Spain's reply will be. One is that the creditors of that bankrupt power will come to the rescue, and that the indemnity will be paid. Others are that the Spanish pride will be invoked, that responsibility will be denied, and that the conflict will come. No doubt is entertained that if this crisis should be reached the Atlantic squadron will move across from Key West and take possession of Havana harbor, with or without a battle.

This is not wild or idle speculation. It is the sober, calm talk of the officials of the government today. It is the program toward the execution of which all plans are being directed. The assembling of the fleet goes on. Warships which have been at Mobile, New Orleans and Galveston on detached duty have been ordered northward into the Caribbean Sea. The concentration was advanced by several movements and orders today.

NAVAL OFFICERS EXPECT WAR

Discipline and Preparations Indicate That a Conflict is Anticipated.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—A relative in Louisville has received from one of the junior officers of the flagship New York of the white squadron a letter dated Key West, Fla., February 19, which indicates that war preparations have been made in the event of necessity. The letter has been given out for publication on condition that names be suppressed. Much of the letter is personal, but there are some paragraphs of decided general interest. Among these are the following:

"I fear me there is a chance of their seeking excitement of a sterner sort before we are many weeks older. I have been very slow to believe in the possibility of war with Spain, but have at last about become convinced that the conflict is imminent and not very far off. Officially we know but the bare facts in regard to the wreck of the Maine. They (the surviving officers) all agree, however, that there were two separate explosions; first a low, dull rumbling sort of detonation, sounding like as if it came from the outside of the ship, and then the awful explosion of the forward magazine.

"We were lying at Tortugas coaling from a scooner alongside at the time of the wrecking of the Maine, and a torpedo boat brought us the news the following morning at daybreak. We got up steam with all haste and got under way about 10 a. m. for this place, where we have staid ever since to await orders from Washington. Meantime our preparations are most warlike. We get up ammunition for all the main and secondary batteries. Every evening we have the sentries pacing the quarter deck with loaded rifles and keep patrol boats out all night looking for the enemy. This business probably means little else than drill to prepare for the time when we shall have to do this, but when it comes to putting the war heads on the torpedoes and putting the torpedoes in the tubes all ready to be launched, that is another thing, and can scarcely be termed a drill On the contrary, it certainly looks very much like business, and business of the sternest sort."

ENTERS A NEW FIELD.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs will Devote His Life to Missionary Work.

Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 24.—Rev. R. G. Hobbs, pastor of Centenary M. E. church, has decided to enter the missionary field and has called upon the presiding elder of this district to relieve him of the charge and no doubt it will be done. The trustees of the church, to whom Dr. Hobbs made known his intention of resigning his pastorate, unanimously decided to accept his resignation, seeing that the work in which he is to engage is a good one. Dr. Hobbs has lately returned from India and it is his determination to raise money to build a college for young men in Calcutta. He will devote his time to that work in the future. He will probably make his home in Springfield while engaged in that labor.

Will Recruit the Guard.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Major General Snowden, commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law, and to have their men ready to march fully armed and equipped at 2 hours notice.

John Albers of Lowe township, Livingston county, tried for insanity, was found sane, and the costs of the proceedings taxed upon J. H. Abers.

AUTONOMY NO GO

Spanish Dons Trying Old Dodge to Gain Time.

VOTE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Insurgents Will Stand Firm for Absolute Independence—Defeat of Spanish Forces on Mulo Heights.

Havana, Feb. 24.—At an important meeting of the central committee of the autonomists Govin, secretary of the interior, proposed an amendment, increasing the committee from 40 to 55, 15 of the new members to be taken from emigrants to the United States and insurgents of prominence, who agree to support autonomy. The amendment was adopted by a large majority, 15 among whom are reformists. It is regarded as surprising that a Spanish resident supported the plan. It's committee are also the newly chosen delegates for election next month. It is believed the radicals will carry the election and demand a more liberal constitution. The meeting is regarded as the first political battle of the campaign and results are highly important, because if the insurgents decline the extended hands of the autonomists in the constitution securing practical independence, autonomy will fail in the eyes of the world and nothing will remain except the Spanish flag and what it implies. The query is then what will Spain do next?

General Pando, after leaving Havana, spent several days at Puerto del Padro, province of Santiago de Cuba. He sent emissaries to the insurgent leader Capote to negotiate a surrender, Pando having $70,000 for that purpose. It is claimed he has not been able to find Capote.

The infanta battalion under Major Pedro Rivas left Candelaria, province of Pinar del Rio, Monday to reconnoiter the Mulo heights. No insurgents were found until the troops reached the heights, when suddenly they were attacked by a large force under General Maria Rodrigouz and the leader, Perico Dias, and were surrounded. A hot fight ensued. Major Rivas was killed. The Spanish column effected a retreat after considerable loss. It's casualties, in addition to the loss of Major Rivas, were three officers and 45 men wounded. It is believed that there were others killed The insurgent loss is not yet known, but is probably small.

As an illustration of the want prevailing in the immediate suburbs of Havana it is said that during the last six weeks 200 patients have died of privation at the lunatic asylum at Mazzaria. In that period the autonomist mayor of Havana has given the asylum only $1000. The former mayor gave it $4000 a month, with far fewer deaths.

MINING ENTERPRISE.

Thomas A. Edison to Develop the Great Ortiz Grant.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 24.—The New Mexican positively announces that Thomas A. Edison and an English syndicate have closed a deal for the Ortiz grant in South Santa Fe county, the price agreed upon being $1,500,000, payable in two years. Edison is building a plant that will handle 25,000 tons of gold placer dirt per day. He will make headquarters at Santa Fe as soon as the plant is completed.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

All of the prisoners in the Hillsboro jail say they are ready to leave for Cuba at once in case of war.

Wall street has offered to furnish Uncle Sam $100,000,000 if needed to carry on a war.

Ex-Governor Oglesby yesterday gave an address on Lincoln to the students of the University of Chicago.

Suicide of a Surgeon.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Past Assistant Surgeon T. B. Bailey of the United States navy was found dead in his room this morning under conditions which lead to the belief that he committed suicide by taking cocaine. He had just returned from duty in China.

Gladstone.

London, Feb. 24.—The St. James Gazette says it is informed that Gladstone will shortly undergo an operation to alleviate the pain caused by necrosis of bone of the nose from which it is alleged the specialists say he is suffering.

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MASTER OR MISSIONARY.

BY WILLIAM FORBES COOLEY.

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SYNOPSIS.

Elbert Osborne, a young American, is visiting his aunt, Miss Peters, in Hawaii. Osborne is anxious to see something of the missionaries, for they have been described to him as the most comprehensive rogues in existence. He meets Francis Van Alen, and through her learns something about social conditions on the island. What are now known as missionaries are the children and grandchildren of the original preachers and their friends. They are daft on helping the Kanakas, and making them the equals of the governing class. Then there is the Master Caste, down on reform and philanthropy, who believes that the natives are too indolent to be benefited by help, and will only improve through their own efforts. The Van Alens, father and son, hold this view, but Frances calls herself a "wahine," and sympathizes with the happy-go-lucky Kanakas. Osborne soon finds himself classed with the missionaries. He receives an invitation to visit the Van Alen's sugar plantation, of which Fred Van Alen is manager. He finds an immense establishment conducted with the precision of clockwork. He begins to doubt whether industrial democracy will ever show such perfection. In young Van Alen he finds a man in whom executive ability has developed into mastery without destroying human feeling.

PART III.

Van Alen, on his part, quite took to Miss Frances' new friend.

"Well, sis," he said, coming into the library after a stroll with his guest, "I see you've shown your usual good taste."

"Why, of course; but in what particular?"

"Your choice of a man to throw yourself at the feet of—say, my amiable wahine!" he added, seizing her hands as she sprang up and made assault upon his ears. "I don't believe there's anything the matter with your ankle. You've been malingering like the Kanakas. Our friend puzzles me, though. His inquiries are practical, as though he

"HAY, MY ADMIRABLE WAHINE!" HE ADDED.

were a planter himself. Aha!—he took up one of a batch of newly arrived letters, perhaps this explains it. 'Elbert Osborne, Ph. D.' His speciality's sociology likely."

This discovery lent additional interest to a conversation on the veranda that evening. Talmage came over the range in the afternoon. Osborne learned accidentally, at first to his amusement, then to his increasing annoyance, that since he had appeared on the scene the banker had redoubled his attentions to Miss Frances, and the four young people sat out on the lanai, and saw the moon rise from the heaving horizon, and watched her as she laid down an avenue of silvery, sparkling radiance across the glossy sea.

"Are all your plantations run on the unlimited monarchy principle?" Osborne asked, half facetiously.

"No," said Van Alen, "some of the 'missionaries' are trying a sort of feudal system. They assign the laborer a piece of land, furnish a house, garden-plot, fuel and so forth, water for irrigation, tools, and seeds; they prepare the land, and then let him keep a quarter of what he raises on it. The plan's said to work very well."

"That is to say, it's not a flat failure," said Talmage. "I've no faith in it. It encourages the men in the notion that they've rights in the premises, which is just what we want to keep out. We don't want any strikes in Hawaii."

"It seems to me," said Osborne, "you've got to face the likelihood of that sort of thing anyway. Mr. Van Alen tells me that, when a contract laborer proves refractory, you simply turn him adrift, to wander from one plantation to another; and that most of the crimes are committed by this vicious class. Yet your autocratic system is increasing it year by year. Suppose they become embittered against you, and take to firing your cane!"

Frances started. Dire possibilities occurred to her.

"When they take to that," said Talmage, fiercely, "we'll turn out with our rifles, and toss the rats into the burning fields."

"Ah, rats, truly! How long has the world been trying to exterminate rats? Yet they continue to be a vigorous race," and Osborne went on to do battle for one of his favorite propositions, namely, that no permanent solution of social problems is to be found on a purely selfish basis. The banker responded by deriding "missionary" dreams of brotherhood, and denouncing social reforms as thimblefuls of blood fed to the crouching tiger of discontent.

In the morning Miss Frances and her two cavaliers—her father and brother were needed on the plantation—went off for a ride around the Head. It was a fine gallop along the shore for many miles, and then ocean and mountain met. The crowding, boisterous breakers reached the cliff, and dashing high round them to lend their animals up a [illegible] of goat track on the precipice's [illegible] at Talmage, they took a narrow little trail across the range. He had hit upon it accidentally one day, he said, notwithstanding the ends of it seemed to have been concealed by design. They had mounted beyond the frequented part of one of the mountain valleys and had issued from the slippery bed of a small run, when a little above them the fluttering garments of a Chinaman were seen disappearing over a ledge.

"Let's see what John's up to," said the banker.

They pushed their horses, wound among the rocks, and passing a crag, shortly found themselves at the mouth of a small grotto. An old sail, partially withdrawn, hung in front, and a few blackened fagots lay on the ground. Within could be seen the prostrate forms of men and women, with glazed eyes and discolored faces, while without a number of men, mostly Chinese, were lounging. It was an opium den and a rendezvous for opium smugglers. Instantly they were surrounded by angry Asiatics, and knives were flashing in the sunlight. Frances shrank close to the gentlemen with a little scream.

"What do you want here?" demanded a vicious looking white.

"Nothing, my good man," Talmage returned, taking in the situation. "We're not going to trouble you at all. We're just out riding for pleasure, and came on you quite by accident."

"That's a lie. You're spyin' on us."

"Not at all, my good fellow. Do the police take ladies with them? Come, man, you must know better. We'll do you no harm. It's no business of ours to help the government do its work."

"Well, see yo' don't," the fellow returned, "if yo' know what's good for yo'."

"Go on with Miss Van Alen," Osborne said to Talmage. Then, turning to the leader of the smugglers, he added: "What that gentleman said is true; but the promise he made is for himself only. I don't make it. You're making beasts of those poor people in there."

The ruffian drew his knife, and sprang toward him with an oath. Yet he did not strike. Osborne did not move a muscle. Slowly, with red, savage eyes fixed on the rider, the man raised his knife almost to Osborne's shoulder, and then deliberately laid the forefinger of

OSBORNE DID NOT MOVE A MUSCLE.

his other hand on the hilt, and hissed: "You d—— missionary! that's the deep that'll go in any man what meddles with us."

Osborne looked him in the face coolly and steadily. Then he shrugged his shoulders and quietly rode off; and Miss Van Alen, who had been looking on with white face, was able to breathe again. Before they reached the crest Osborne dismounted by a bit of thicket, and cut a stout cane with a knob to it. "This is koa, I believe," he said, "and takes a fine polish."

"Oh, beautiful," said the lady. "It's richer than mahogany, and much harder."

At the summit they halted to rest the horses and enjoy the noble prospect over land and sea. When at length they were about to go down the cliff, they were surprised to see a group of Chinamen ahead of them and nearly in the forest at the pali's foot. At the same time a voice reached them, they could not tell from where. Again it came, this time from behind a bolder.

"Missionaly," it said. The gentlemen approached the rock. Behind it crouched a Chinese, whom Osborne recognized as the man he had rescued from the sailors.

"Missionaly," he said, with every indication of fear. "Bad men down dere in woods. Wait dere; kill you wid knife; ve'y bad men."

The young men looked at each other.

"So much for meddling with other people's business," said Talmage, bitterly.

"Was it because of what I said?" Osborne asked.

"Dey don' like dat. Don' like you see deir place eideh. Fink dey keep leddy, too."

Elbert turned with a black look, and found Miss Van Alen just behind him. She had heard every word.

"Can't we ride through them?" she said steadily.

"Yes," he answered, and held out his cane toward Talmage, with a significant gesture.

The banker at once went back into a thicket-choked ravine and cut one for himself. Silently then they led their horses down the steep, broken track on the face of the precipice. Just before reaching the woods they remounted. The trail in the forest was too narrow to admit of more than single file, so Talmage led and Osborne brought up the rear.

It was not a false alarm. In a narrow, dark spot the vicious Mongolians sprang out upon them knives in hand. The spurs of the riders, however, were prompt. The knives fell behind their mark, and descended upon the poor beasts, who sprang forward with snorts of pain, while the clubs of the gentlemen fell upon the disconcerted assailants. In a moment the riders were safely by, and their foiled foes left behind. Then soon piteous cries arose in the rear.

"Oh!" said Frances, "what's that?"

"It's the poor devil that befriended us," said Osborne; "they're making mincemeat of him. I can't stand that. Mr. Talmage, see to Miss Van Alen."

The last words were called out from up the path, as the young man spurred back on his course. Talmage hurried the lady on. At the edge of the forest she said: "I'm safe now, Mr. Talmage. Run back and help him. Oh, who can tell what those dreadful men may be doing to him?"

"I can't leave you," he returned. "Besides, it's only a pake brawl. Osborne must be mad to mix in it."

Frances' eyes flashed, then with a look of distress she set off down the valley at the best speed she could get out of her horse, scanning the canefields as she went. Soon she and her brother came galloping back. At his command she remained outside the woods, while Van Alen, handing Talmage one of the two cane knives he carried, led his reluctant friend up to Osborne's aid.

They found him near the base of the cliff, kneeling with pitiful look by the side of his poor Chinese friend and stanching his wounds. On the ground near by lay two sinister looking Asiatics either dead or unconscious, the victims of the koa club. That was a bad moment for Montague Talmage.

The next morning with his arm bound up, for he had not entirely escaped the knives of the Orientals, Osborne was sitting on the lanai, watching the cloud shadows sweep across the blue main, the green shore, and the ruddy precipices of the range. Presently Miss Frances came out.

"How's poor John?" he said.

"A little better. The doctor begins to think he'll recover; though he says no one but a Chinaman could live with all those cuts in him." Then, seating herself beside him, she added, smilingly: "Do you feel like playing Father Confessor this morning?"

"Why, that depends on how interesting the penitent is. If it's Miss Van Alen, I'm ready."

"It is Miss Van Alen. She confesses she's had an admiration for selfish domination just because it's strong; but she really and truly thinks she's repentant now. Those dreadful men! Do you know, those two prisoners of yours are men that were turned off of this plantation; and, Mr. Confessor, I think I won't be a wahine any longer. I'll cast in my lot with the 'missionaries.'"

"And with this 'missionary' in particular," he added, taking her hand and looking at her with kindling eyes.

"I didn't say anything of the kind," she retorted, furiously, struggling to free herself.

"No, but I do. Frances, eyes have a language as well as lips."

"They haven't either." Yet hers certainly spoke defiance just then.

"Yes, they have. Mine have been speaking love to you for two weeks past, and you must have seen it."

"Oh! Well?" The girl's eyes fell.

"'Well;' it's time yours spoke it, too."

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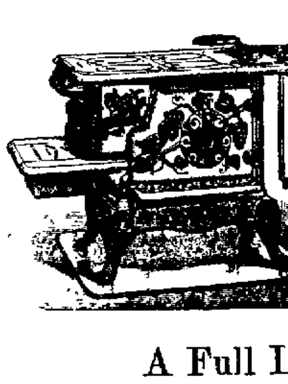

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Captain George P. Zeiss is expected to arrive in Decatur from Texas within a few days.

Before you buy your wall paper and room moulding call at W. C. Pluck's Wall Paper House, 109 East North street.—22-dlmo

You should see those splendid pianos at the C. B. Prescott music house. They are the Reed & Son's and Haines make and are the favorites.

Bromoline will positively cure a cold in 24 hours. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

The many friends of Fire Commissioner William Dodson will be pleased to learn that there is a favorable change in his condition. It is now believed that he will recover.

Scald head is no eczema of the scalp —very severe sometimes, but it can be cured. Doan's Ointment, quick and permanent in its results. At any drug store, 50 cents.

It is the purpose of Dr. A. J. Stoner to retire from the drug business on April 1. He has been in the business in Decatur for over 30 years. Dr. Fred Stoner will then give his exclusive attention to the practice of his profession.

Senorets purify the blood and beautify the complexion—Cure constipation 25 cents,

At the annual meeting of the State Library association of Illinois, held at the Northwestern University at Evanston Tuesday, Mrs. Alice G. Evans of the Decatur library, was elected vice president. The president is Col. J W. Thompson of Evanston; secretary, Mrs. Cornelia Marvin of Oak Park; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Resor of Canton.

Ben Wood has sold the city right for selling his shirt and collar shield to the Bohon-McReynolds Company. This week he will visit the neighboring towns and cities to advertise his goods.

Uncle Sam's Pet.

On Saturday, January 1, the Wabash fast government mail train, No. 1, traveled 101 miles in 99 minutes, assuredly a good beginning of the new year. Watch future performances of this great flyer, the fastest mail train in the world and the pet of Uncle Sam.

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If you intend to make a trip to any part of the world, including the Klondike, communicate with C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent, Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill.—23-d&w

Surprise and Donation.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shookey of near Emery gave them a pleasant surprise on last Wednesday by calling at their home with a sumptuous dinner ready cooked and spending the day with them. Mr. Shockey has been in poor health for some time and has not been able to care for his family and in additon to the dinner the guests brought a liberal donation of flour, apples, potatoes, meat, lard, dry goods and articles of wearing apparel. Those present were W. G. Ross and family, W. F. Berry and family, J. W. Lyman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch McKay, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shockey, Mrs. S. A. Ross, Mrs. Carrie Leddon, P. Green and Joseph Banlincki. John Keister and Michael Green also donated liberally, but was not present.

Retail Grocers.

I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co.'s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffees. In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor. I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees. For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Yours truly, D. F. Riddell.—15-tf

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

THE SUGAR BEET

Will be Discussed This Week at Champaign.

THE FARMERS ARE INVITED

By Director Davenport of Experiment Station to Interest Themselves in the Industry—Directions in Regard to Cultivation.

A branch of agriculture which is now attracting the attention of the farmers of Illinois is that of the raising of beets for the manufacture of sugar. At the close of the state farmers' institute on Friday a meeting will be called at the University of Illinois for those who are interested in raising sugar beets.

The citizens of Illinois annually pay $12,000,000 for sugar, so that they would consume the output of 50 good factories, or one in each of half the counties in the state. It can readily be seen by these figures that the beet sugar industry is an important one to the farmers. Director Davenport of the experiment station is very anxious that the matter be brought before the farmers and all of the agricultural and business men have been invited to be represented at the meeting. Prof. Davenport has secured the services of experts in raising beets for the manufacture of sugar and these men will be in attendance to confer with the farmers and business men who may be present.

The industry is one which is carried on extensively in France and Germany, but is a comparatively new thing in this country. There are a number of factories in the United States and recently the matter has received a great deal of attention.

Directions given by experts in regard to the growing and cultivation of beets may be of interest. The sugar beet requires no particular kind of soil for its best production. Any soil that will grow a crop of Indian corn or potatoes will, under proper cultivation, produce a good crop of beets. The soil must be open and porus, with a good subsoil either naturally loose or broken up by a subsoil plow, in order that the growing beet may penetrate it and not be pushed above the ground by its own growth. A deep sandy loam is excellent, but a still tenacious clay is not suited to the growing of beets. A reclaimed swamp or mucky soil cannot generally be used for the production of good beets. Such soils will yield a large crop of beets but with little sugar in them.

The land must not have been recently manured or the beets will not have the true conical form, they will be divided into many branches at the apex and such beets would be refused at the factory. The soil must be naturally fertile or made so by manuring at least two years before planting. Commercial fertilizers especially those rich in potash and phosphorus acid can be applied freely to the beet fields. The sugar beet is said to form a good factor in the scheme of rotation of crops. The beet should always follow the wheat or cereal crop thus enabling the ground to be plowed in autumn, which is essential.

As to planting and cultivating beets the authorities say that the ground should be plowed deep. Unless the subsoil is naturally mellow a subsoil plow should follow the first plow, stirring the ground to a depth of 16 or 20 inches, still leaving the subsoil at the bottom of the furrow. If the plowing is done in the fall the ground should be allowed to lie rough through the winter and in the spring it should be harrowed until it is as mellow and fine as an ideal garden. On sandy and loamy soils the roller should be used to insure compactness. As soon as the soil reaches a temperature of 50 degrees and certainly before the middle of May the seed should be planted. The young plants can withstand the slight frosts and it is wise to plant early so that the young beets may secure a firm foothold in the soil with a long tap root before the dry weather sets in. While, to secure a large yield, the rows should be as close together as possible, it is necessary to have them 18 or 20 inches to permit cultivation by horses. The seed should be sown with an ordinary garden drill, putting in 15 pounds to the acre The cultivator should be started as soon as the plants are visible. When the beets begin to show the fourth leaf they should be thinned to one plant in a place from six to eight inches apart in the row. Large beets are worthless for sugar making. They should weigh from one to two and a half pounds each, with a long, straight, undivided tap root.

Most of the cultivation can be done by horse power or with the hoe, but thinning must be done by hand. The field should be kept clean of weeds and the dirt should be hauled up over the exposed roots. When the leaves cover the ground and the crop has taken possession of the field the cultivating should stop. When the outside leaves begin to turn yellow the beets are ripe and should be harvested. Rains thereafter will start a new growth of leaves and lessen the richness in sugar. A plow may be run along the rows, leaving the roots on the top of the furrow thus lessening the labor. The yield of sugar to the acre depends on the selection of the variety of beet seeds, the cultivation and the kind of soil and the amount of sunshine during the season. The yield will vary for eight to 15 tons to the acre and the price paid by most of the factories is not less than $4 per ton.

THE TOURNAMENT PRIZES.

Contests and Awards Arranged at the Committee Meeting.

The members of the executive committee of the Illinois Firemen's association arranged the following contests and prizes for the tournament:

TUESDAY, JULY 19.

10 a. m.—The big parade of all the companies and the different bands. First prize for the best appearing company, $15: second prize, $10. Each company to have not less than 12 men and all uniforms to be blue.

2 p. m.—Foot race, 100 yards. First prize, $10 and badge; second prize, $5.

3 p. m.—Ladder climbing contest. First prize, $10 and badge; second prize, $5.

3:30 p. m.—Novelty hose race. First prize, $75; second, $50; third, $25.

4 p. m.—Novelty hook and ladder race. First prie, $75; second, $50; third, $25.

4:30 p. m.—Hose race, open to teams that have never before run.

4:15 p. m.—Hook and ladder race, open to teams that have never run before.

5 p. m.—Novelty hub and hub hose race. Prize, $25.

5:30 p. m.—Novelty hub and hub hook and ladder race. Prize, $25.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.

1:30 p. m.—Free for all hose race. First prize, $75; second, $50; third, $25.

2.30 p. m.—Free for all hook and ladder race. Frist prize, $75; second, $50; third, 25.

3 p. m.—Consolation hub and hub hose race.

3:30 p. m.—Consolation hub and hub hook and ladder race.

4 p. m.—Free for all hub and hub hose race. Prize, $50.

4:30 p. m.—Free for all hub and hub hook and ladder race. Prize, $50.

THURSDAY, JULY 21.

1:30 p. m.—Couplers' contest. First prize $10 and badge, second $5.

2 p. m.—Novelty coupling contest. First, $15; second, $10.

2:30 p. m.—Championship hose race. First, $100 and badge; second, $50; third, $25.

3 p. m.—Championship hook and ladder race. First, $100 and trumpet; second, $50; third, $25.

3:30 p. m. Championship hub and hub hose race, $20.

4 p. m.—Championship hub and hub hook and ladder race, $20.

4:30 p. m.—Flag race. Prize, $20.

Final race, hook and ladder and hose companies.

DIED IN CHICAGO.

Remains of Louis Goodman Brought Home for Burial.

Louis Goodman, son of Albert Goodman, of 1147 North Calhoun street, died yesterday at the Polytechnic Clinic hospital in Chicago, where he has been a patient for nearly two weeks. The deceased had been afflicted with stomach trouble for a year, and could not find relief in Decatur.

Louis Goodman was 33 years old. He was born in Macon, Ill. He came to this city in 1872 with his parents, and with the exception of two years he had made his home here ever since. In 1892 he was married to Miss Susan Flatland in Chicago, who survives him. There are two children, Arthur, aged three, and Walter, aged one year. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman, survive him, as do his four brothers, Henry and John Goodman of this city, George Goodman of Lovington and Will Goodman and a sister, Mrs. Buckley of Fall River, Mass.

The deceased was a machinist at the Mills Planing Mill company for the past six years. He has a large number of friends who will be pained to learn of his death.

The body was brought to Decatur this morning on an early train and taken by Undertaker Perl to the family home on North Calhoun street.

Sales of Real Estate.

Lissie W. Faith to Martha A. Wade, lots 12 and 13 of block of the village of Warrensburg; $1000.

Anna M. Reid to William Ritchie, the west half of the southwest quarter of 23, 18, 1 east; $505.

William Edward Reid to Anna M. Reid, the east half of the southwest quarter of 23, 18, 1 east; $505.

Zachariah Boughn to Alvas Sykes, lots 6 and 8 in block 11, in the village of Warrensburg; $50.

Sign Blown Down.

The large sign which was suspended in front of the office Miss Mary Nesbitt, the optician on North Main street, was blown down yesterday and blown through the plate glass in the door. The sign in falling just grazed the shoulder of a little girl who was passing, but beyond the breaking of the glass in the door no damage was done.

Quinoria positively cures chills and fever when other remedies fail. No cure, no pay.

WOMEN TO MEET

Important Assemblage to be Held in Decatur.

ALL CLUBS TO ORGANIZE.

Congressional District Federation—Independent Literary Societies to be in the Group—Program of the Sessions.

A meeting of the Woman's clubs of this district will be held at the Woman's club rooms tomorrow for the purpose of organizing a district federation of Woman's clubs. The federation will include all independent Woman's clubs and organizations in the district. An invitation has been extended to all the societies of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the district and in Decatur, to the Woman's Art class and independent literary organizations. Delegates will be present from all the Woman's clubs in the district which include Menard, Macon, Sangamon, Logan and Christian counties.

The program arranged for the day is as follows:

MORNING.

Greeting, by the president, Mrs. V. N. Hostetler.

Appointing of committees.

Report of clubs.

Paper, "The Most Profitable Line of Work to be Pursued by Clubs in Smaller Towns"—Mrs. S. M. Cassell, Springfield. Paper followed by discussion.

Music—Musical Division, Decatur Woman's club.

Discussion of the Benefits of District Federation, led by Mrs. George D. Haworth.

Report of Credential Committee.

Organization.

AFTERNOON, 1:30.

Discussion—"Why Organize."

Music—Musical Division, Decatur Woman's club.

Paper, "Methods of Organization"—Mrs. W. F. Gillmore.

Paper, "Help and Hindrance to Club Growth"—Mrs. Eugenia Bacon.

RACES NEXT SUMMER.

Decatur, Danville, Bloomington and Probably Others to be on Circuit.

For some time past an effort has been made to form a racing circuit including cities in this part of the state. The members of the Decatur Trotting association have succeeded in organizing a circuit for next summer which will include Decatur, Danville and Bloomington. Those who are interested hope to have other towns on the circuit, but if they do not succeed in doing this races will be held on the circuit including the three cities mentioned.

Streets are Muddy.

The streets that are not paved are in a very bad condition and in some parts of the city are almost impassable. On North Stone street, which runs from East Eldorado street to the coal shaft, the mud is very heavy. Yesterday seven coal wagons were stuck in the mud at the same time. The country roads are also in a bad condition and it is impossible for the farmers to drive their heavy wagons excepting where the roads are graveled.

Died at Terre Haute.

Mrs. Charles Laux and Mrs. M. L. McDonald received word Wednesday afternoon that their sister, Mrs. A. J. Kelly, was seriously sick at her home in Terre Haute. They left at once for that city. Later in the evening another telegram came announcing the death of Mrs. Kelly. No particulars were given. Mr. Laux left for Terre Haute today. Mrs. Kelly was well known in this city. She had been suffering from grip, but was not thought to be dangerously sick. Her death occurred at 5:30 o'clock.

Coming.

Maro, the wonderful magician, who is said to be the superior of Hermann, is to appear at the tabernacle Tuesday night in the People's Course entertainments. He has a den in Chicago, which is described as being the best equipped outfit for a necromancer to be found anywhere in the world. It is filled with curious things from remote parts of the universe.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1898.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Friday northwest winds.

More Than a Revenue Measure.

Buffalo Express: The Dingley law is giving a very good account of itself. Its success in the matter of revenue is seen month by month in clearer light. Considering the amount of anticipatory importations, the record thus far is all that reasonably could have been expected. Business men understand this. Only a few partisans who are either purblind or mendacious have criticisms to offer upon the capacity of the act to meet the needs of the government. The end of the fiscal year probably will find the treasury with average monthly receipts equaling expenditures.

The law is more than a revenue measure, however. It was drafted by men who are in full sympathy with the policy of protection, and it was intended to encourage the growth of American industry along the lines which have done so much for our manufacturing interests. And in this respect also the measures justifying the hopes of its authors and the Republican party. The remarkable revival of business, which has been observed during the last few months is an eloquent and sufficient commentary upon this purpose of the act. All the bearings of the return of prosperity will never be fully understood, for they are many and intricate.

Ex-President Harrison's Advice.

American citizens who are dissatisfied with the course of the administration on the Cuban question would do well to ponder the remarks made by ex-President Harrison at Chicago on the 22nd. He said:

"We stand now in the awful shadow of one of the most tragic events that have happened in our history, and yet we stand with the poise and with the self-possession of a people who understand their might and can abide the development of time. We are not an hysterical people. We can wait, and we will know our duty when it shall be revealed. We can understand that in a time like this there are grave responsibilities devolving upon the president of the United States—single responsibilities that he may not divide with any man. Let us stand about him and strengthen him in the calm assurance that this great country desires only that which is right, and can wait until the facts are known before it issues its proclamation."

Milwaukee Sentinel By challenging a comparison of the condition of the country now and during the incumbency of the last administration, the Democratic party has, seemingly, everything to lose. The people who must give the verdict on the prosperity issue are in a position to cast their votes intelligently with a knowledge of the facts in the case. They cannot be misled by Democratic misrepresentations, because they know in their individual cases whether they are better or worse off than under the last Democratic administration. It is probable that the Democrats will realize before they get through talking on the prosperity question that such a course is just about as dangerous as fooling with a loaded gun is to the average individual.

President McKinley's suggestions made in his recent New York speech, that the duty of the party entrusted with the management of national affairs is to take up the currency problem and do all that can be done toward its solution, are likely to be followed, it seems, by the Republicans in congress. Latest reports from Washington indicate that a bill will probably be reported to the house based upon the president's recommendation by which the greenbacks redeemed with gold will be retained in the treasury, or provision made by which greenbacks shall be utilized by national banks as a part of their reserve, thus taking them out of the field of active circulation. Another feature of the prospective bill will, it is understood, reduce the taxation on national bank issues and permit banks to increase their currency up to the par value of the bonds deposited to secure their circulation, thus increasing the currency in this manner, while reducing the danger of further use of the gold bearing notes for the withdrawal of gold from the treasury.

George E. Oakes of Indianapolis has challenged Gen. Lew Wallace to meet him on the field of honor, because the latter said that President Lincoln visited McClellan on the peninsula to prevent him surrendering the federal army to the confederates. Mr. Oakes should be willing to rest his soul in peace because worse things have been said about General Wallace. Who is this Mr. Oakes, anyway, who assumes that the reputation of General McClellan is in his keeping?

It is reported that Consul General Lee has advised those Americans in Havana who have no business there that it would not be prudent to remain. This is good advice. The trouble with some is that while in Havana they think it their duty to represent the United States and by some indiscretion may bring on useless trouble. General Lee can fully represent this country in that city.

According to the remarks of ex-Governor Oglesby at Chicago on Washington's birthday in his opinion divers will not be necessary to determine the nature of the injury to the hull of Senator Mason.

The main difficulty with the free silver party is that the alliance brings together too many great men. There are not enough great places to go around.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Ladies' Tickets Again.

Manager Given has announced that "ladies' tickets" go again tonight at the opera house. This is because many ladies who held tickets last night were unable to get in all on account of the crowd that was present to see the performance. The play was "The Westerner," and it was given to a crowded house, people standing in the aisles and many being turned away. The Holden Comedy company has "caught on" here. The big play tonight will be "The Hunchback's Love."

The Holden Comedy Co. in "The Hunchback" tonight. Get a "hump" on you and go.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Rev. William Mitchell of Arcola a Methodist minister for over 50 years, is to be a candidate for the office of county judge.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

F. L. Wilson of Clinton has sold to L. N. Walden forty acres of land in Wilson township for $82.50 per acre.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. At any drug store.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

L. J. and M. C. Osman of Tomlinson, Champaign county, have quit farming to move to Mississippi.

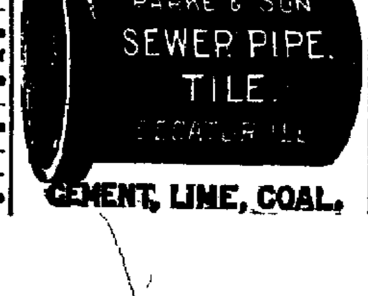
Senorete cure chronic constipation kidney and liver complaint. Price, 25c

J. P. Mitten of Fairbury has sold the farm he bought of Daniel Street to A. M. Fosdick for $9040.

A Short, Sad, Story.

A Cold.
Neglect.
Pneumonia.
Grief.
Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.



CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

MAJOR CONNOLLY

Says He Will Not Again be a Candidate for Congress.

In the Chicago Tribune of today appeared the following telegram from the Tribune's Washington correspondent:

"There is no string attached to my declination to be a candidate again for congress," said Representative Connolly of the Springfield district, "and all the committeemen in the various counties know that my refusal to run for the 56th congress is absolutely and unqualifiedly sincere, and I am perfectly satisfied with the terms passed at Washington. Who will be my successor is more than I can predict, for I have not heard anything on the subject, and up to date no action seems to have been taken relative to calling a convention to make a nomination."

The Holden Company Again.

Again the opera house was too small to accommodate the people who wished to attend. At 7:45 last evening every seat was taken an people were standing in the aisles. The play, "The Westerner," was presented in fine style by a thoroughly competent company. In fact it is by far the strongest company ever here at popular prices. The specialties introduced were of high order and pleased immensely. Tonight the play "The Hunchback's Love," an entirely new comedy drama and a complete change of specialties is announced. The management have concluded to reissue the ladies free tickets for tonight's performance to accommodate those who were unable to gain admission last night. They can be obtained at the reserve sale before 7 p. m. Alice Opie in "The Yellow Kid," Misses De Lorme and Holden in the Kalidoscope dance and The Vistrells in Shadowgraphs are the special vaudeville features announced to occur between acts. The patrons of the theatre should take advantage of the chance offered to see a really first class company at a ridiculously small price of admission, as there is nothing cheap about the show but the prices.

A New Manager.

The management of the Ellis Manufacturing Co., has been assumed by Fred W. Baldwin, Charles Cline, the former manager, retiring today. Mr. Baldwin has had a great deal of experience in this line of work as he was connected with the Ellis Bustle Co. ten years ago, at the time business in this line was most flourishing. The business of the company is steadily increasing and the capacity of output has been doubled and large shipments are being sent to Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Pittsburg, San Francisco and other large cities. The company is now prepared to make 100 dozen bustles per day. Mr. Baldwin expects to fill the local orders even with more satisfaction than before. His new responsibilities as manager of the firm will not interfere with his business in the real estate and insurance work and no change has been made in his office rooms.

Petty Thievery.

Unknown parties visited the premises of Judge T. A. Pritchett on North Edward street, stole a shoulder of meat from the refrigerator and two pet chickens. A pair of overshoes were stolen from the porch of Mr. Kizer, residing next door.

First to Volunteer.

"Jake" Troutman of Wyckle's Switch, was in Decatur today with his war clothes on. He said in a burst of patriotism: "Put me down as the first volunteer for the war with Spain. I'd like to go down there and help wipe out the whole caboodle. The other two boys went to the front in '61. I'm ready to go."

Will Not Eat.

Reynolds, the man who was arrested by the police on Tuesday night, is in the city prison. He refuses to eat anything. He would not touch any food all day yesterday and this morning he would not have any breakfast.

Ladies Free at the opera house tonight. Get the seats at the reserve sale.

Vote on Revenue Bill.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—The house passed the revenue bill, 78 to 60.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Frank Skelley received a message today from Elkhart, Ind., announcing that his brother, Mat Skelley, was suffering from blood poisoning from a wound he received over 40 years ago in the army.

—Sam Bristow is in the city, having arrived from the Indian Territory today.

Mrs. Clara Hart has gone to Cerro Gordo to visit for a few days.

The Victorellis in Shadowgraphs with Holden Comedy Co. tonight.

The Most Fatal Disease.

It is not generally known that more adults die of Kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure which is guaranteed, or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 24.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yest'day.
Wheat—					
Feb	—	—	—	103¼	106
May	1 04¾	105¼	103½	103¼	106
July	90¾	91½	89¾	89¾	91½
Corn—					
Feb	—	—	—	29⅛	29⅛
May	30¼	30½	29¾	29⅞	30⅝
July	31⅛	31⅛	30⅞	31	31¾
Oats—					
Feb	—	—	—	25⅝	26¼
May	26⅝	26⅝	26	26⅛	25⅞
July	24½	24½	24	24½	24⅞
Pork—					
May	10 75	10.77½	10.65	10.65	10.82½
Lard					
May	5.27½	5.27½	5.22½	5.22½	5.25
Ribs					
May	5 25	5.25	5.15	5.15	5 20

July wheat: Puts, 88¾; Calls, 91½; Curb 89¾.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—121; Estimated, 110; a year ago, 13
Corn—625; Estimated, 600; a year ago, 131
Oats—345; Estimated, 400; a year ago, 179.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 105, Corn, 650; Oats, 800.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 34,000. Estimated, 30,000.
Market steady.
Light, $3.85@$4.05; Mixed $3.90@$4.07; Heavy $3.95@$4 07; Rough, $3 85@$3 90.
Estimated for to-morrow, 30,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 16,000. Market weak.

At All Angels' Mission.

There were two celebrations of the holy communion, one at 6 o'clock, the other at 8 a. m., with a goodly number present to receive the blessed sacrament. At 7:30 p. m. the proper penitential office was said by the priest-in-charge, who followed with a clear and practical instruction on the purposes and the duties of Lent.

The Rev. Father Jones asked the congregation to remain after the benediction. Every one did so, and they listened with much interest to an account of the spiritual and material work of the parish of Ascension Chicago, including a description of the magnificent altar and the beautifully appointed sanctuary of that widely known church. This address was made by T. E. Smith, Jr., who is a vestryman of Ascension, and who also is editor of "The Angelus," a monthly magazine of uncompromising church attitude and principles. Mr. Smith, who was listened to with great interest, has said he was wonderfully pleased with the evidence of the good work of the mission of All Angels.

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By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county Illinois, in favor of James Murphey and against Mrs. Mary McNalley, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot three (3), Block four (4), of B. H. Cassell's Second Addition to the City of Decatur, located in Macon county State of Illinois. Taken as the property of Mrs. Mary McNalley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 24th day of February, A. D. 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
feb 24 dtd Sheriff Macon County. Illinois.

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Apply to Mrs Geo. W. Powers, 257 N. Edward st. Feb 24-d4.

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New Dress Goods.

Correct forecasts of spring's leaders in cloth fashions are now on display. For Friday we offer three very special lots and direct your attention to the fact that the fabrics are all bright, new goods and the pricing is exceptionally low.

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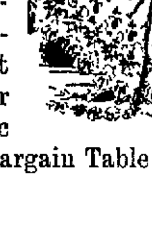

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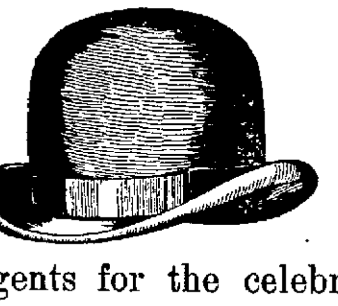

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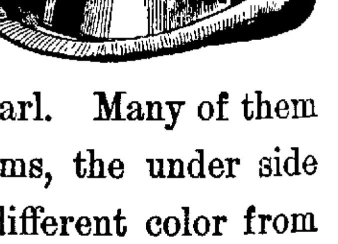

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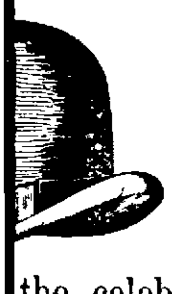

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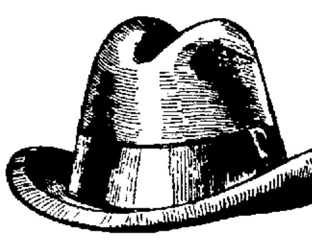

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Bob Jackson has communicated to a bosom friend here that he is on his way to Klondike. The epistle bears a cold region postmark.

Charles Moore of Decatur is here talking Cripple Creek to old friends. Charles represents a mining company and is selling shares.

The Bethany Klondike club which was incorporated for the purpose of sending a representative to the new Mecca of rich shining nuggets held its second meeting on Saturday night last. The shares of a $1000 capital stock company were disposed of and it now only remains for them to select a fever stricken party for the undertaking to make this enterprise a go.

Ed Watts is with us taking a vacation from his labors with a St Louis steel range company. Ed carries a beautiful side line of true stories, which he wields to good affect.

It so happened one day the latter part of last week that the candidates were congregated at Bethany from the four corners of Moultrie. They first showed their blood by chartering a train to haul them to William Widick's sale. Next their appetite by marching through the Kendall house. The candidates of Moultrie are a jolly set in 1898.

The officers of the Epworth League met at the residence of Mrs R Creech Saturday night last.

Tom Gustin has left the land of his nativity for West Virginia, where he will engage in the butcher business Tom has surprised some of his nearest friends by his sudden leave taking

William Starks of Sidney, Wash, who is well known in these parts, narrates in a letter written to Abner Kendall, a thrilling story of his encounter with a large bear.

DALTON CITY.

Frank Spitler of Sullivan was on our streets last week.

Fred Wilson, the horse buyer, of Macon, was on our streets last week.

Thomas Sneehan of Harristown attended the W P Dunn wedding last week.

John Hughes visited Decatur last week.

Several from here attended the Tom Carney sale last week near La Place.

Misses Kate and Agnes Duggan visited Decatur Monday.

Albert Right of Lovington visited his best girl here over Sunday.

Cled Grace visited Moweaqua last week.

Michael Duggan of Decatur visited Dalton last week attending the wedding of William P Dunn and Miss Ella Nolan.

Billie Fritz has recovered from a sik spell.

Peter Dunn of Mt Zion attended the wedding of William Dunn.

David Donner arrived home last week from a visit in Iowa.

O B Hughes of Dalton is taking lessons from a horse breaker, who is located on the Yank's farm near Dalton.

James Beedre left for the sunny south Wednesday.

Lossie Heady of Bethany was visiting friends here last week.

Thomas Wellie of Prairie Home is moving to a farm over near Lake City.

Milt Williamson visited Bearsdale last week.

Sam Sullivan was boring a well at the elevator, which was owned by Greenfield and Cole, and he struck a strong vein of gas.

Hall Donor arrived here last week from St Louis, where he has been working.

R F Duggan and Harry Bell visited Dalton Tuesday.

Charley Todd of Blue Mound visited friends here last week.

Johnnie McCaughey transacted business in Decatur last week.

The revival that was held by Rev Blunt the past month closed last Sunday evening.

Joseph Hagerty transacted business in Decatur last week.

George Reed and family will move on a farm south of Dalton City to work for J H Nolan.

Charley Hines transacted business in Decatur last week.

George Bobbet bought L P Cook's blacksmith shop on Main street. We all wish him success in business.

MT. ZION.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Bart Henry, on February 17, a son.

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S D Smith attended the Sunday school rally at Argenta Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mr and Mrs Charley Durning visited at Forsyth the latter part of last week

James Cheetams visited in Decatur over Sunday

Will Smith will work for C M Fletcher this summer

Dr Bert Scott went to Lake City Thursday evening

Miss Sillisia Travis of Decatur visited her sister, Mrs. N. Vest, over Sunday

Mrs Tomas visited her son, Charley, at Prairie Hall this week.

Miss Mamie Falkner spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs Britton at Hervey City.

On Thursday evening about 40 friends with well filled baskets gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs W S Smith and reminded her of her birthday.

The young folks had a hot time at the home of Mr and Mrs Rhining on Monday evening.

A young man was seen on the streets Monday trying to ride his bicycle through the snow. He must have thought it was summer.

The Peake Sisters gave a splendid entertainment at the C P church Tuesday night.

A Flag of Warning.

Beware of the dry, tickling, hacking, morning cough, for it warns you that consumption lurks near. The famous Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure it. "I had a very bad cough. One doctor pronounced it consumption. I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and was completely cured; the cough left me and has never come back. Simon Smasal, 375 31st Street, Chicago, Ills." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Ask for Bull's, take only Bull's.

EUGENE FRANCIS LOUD.

California Congressman with a Romantic Career.

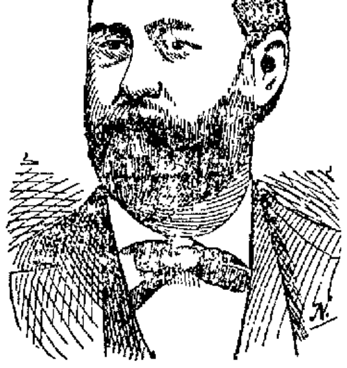
In a Legislative Way He Has Become Famous as the Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices.

Eugene Francis Loud, named, it is interesting to note, for Napoleon's stepson, Eugene Beauharnais, member of congress from the Fifth California district and chairman of the committee on post offices and post roads, who has made himself conspicuous through his agitation of postal matters, especially for his opposition to the present law regarding newspaper postage, which he says is now subject to great abuses, is of Puritan descent. He was born in the picturesque old town of Abington, Mass., on March 12, 1847. His father Reuben Loud, was known by his neighbors as a man of independent and radical spirit.

Young Loud, says the New York Tribune, inherited this spirit and gave evidence of it at the early age of 13 by following in the footsteps of so many youths of the Bay state and running away to sea. A sailing vessel carried him around the Horn. By the time he reached California he had seen enough of adventure, and was content to settle down in the state which has since been his home, and which he has represented for four congresses in the lower house.

But Mr. Loud's romantic experiences were not to end with his service before the mast. This ardent young Yankee enlisted at the beginning of the war in the California cavalry, and served until the end of the struggle. He was with the army of the Potomac, with Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley, and it fell to his lot to be frequently in the midst of the hottest fighting.

After the close of the war Mr. Loud returned to California, and was honored by the state of his adoption with several political offices. He was for some time in the customs service, a



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member of the California legislature in 1884, and cashier and collector of the city and county of San Francisco. His experience in the house began with the Fifty-second congress, and he has been elected to every congress since.

Mr. Loud occupies a unique position on the money question. He is, first, last and for all time a gold man, but the convention which nominated him adopted resolutions in favor of free coinage, and pledged their candidate to it. On hearing this, Mr. Loud proposed to withdraw, but his friends refused to allow him to do so, and he was nominated and elected. He informed his constituents that the honor they had bestowed upon him had in no wise changed his opinions; that he was, as ever, for the gold standard, and refused to accept if there was any misunderstanding on this point. They were, however, willing to have him serve them, and since he has been in the house Mr. Loud has remained loyal to his principles, voting with the advocates of gold when the contest has been close, but casting his vote for silver when a vote either way made no difference. During his last campaign Mr. Loud made many gold speeches.

His ideas concerning the national post office have been thoroughly exploited and are well known, and no one but a layman would deny that some of the reforms he proposes would, if they could be properly initiated and carried out, be an improvement to the service; but, like all reformers, his zeal sometimes carries him too far. On several occasions Mr. Loud has enjoyed a tilt with Lemuel Ely Quigg, of New York, and Mr. Quigg does not always come out winner. Only recently Mr. Loud said, in characterizing one of Mr. Quigg's statement as false and unfounded:

"I have oftentimes regretted that the gentleman from New York could not know as much as he assumes to know."

The Value of Antiseptics.

The following facts were recently quoted by Prof. Kober, of the Georgetown university, in illustration of the good that has been accomplished in hygiene through the introduction of germicides and antiseptics. During the Crimean war many more than half the amputations that were performed resulted in the death of the patient, the exact percentage of mortality being 63.5. During the American civil war the mortality from amputation was still 48.7 per cent. Then the new methods came to be more and more employed, and in 1890 the statistics of amputation showed that the mortality was but 6.9 per cent.

No City Councils There.

Under the laws of China the man who loses his temper in a discussion is sent to jail for five days to cool down.

Inhabitants of the Sea.

A statistician asserts that every square mile of the sea is inhabited by 120,000,000 finny creatures.

THE BICYCLE THIEVES

Were in the County Court This Morning—Curbing Case in Hand.

The four colored boys, Sherman and Will Moore, George Scott and Ora Johnson, who were charged with stealing bicycles were before Judge Hammer this afternoon. There was one charge against the Johnson boy and two charges against the other three. The younger of the crowd, Willie Moore, aged 13, admitted that he did all the stealing, but that the other boys shared in the profits. The older boys tried to put all the blame on the little fellow. Each was fined $1 and given 30 days in the county jail on each count. In the case of Willie Moore the sentence was suspended on good behavior as he takes care of his grandmother.

The case of the objections against the curbing which has been in the county court for the past two days is now in the hands of Judge Hammer, who will give his decision, later.

A BAD RUNAWAY.

Joseph Dawson Met with a Bad Accident—Bear Frightened the Team.

A team of horses hitched to a wagon heavily loaded with furniture ran away this afternoon south of the city, near the county bridge. The wagon belonged to Joseph Dawson, who is moving from his farm to the city. The horses frightened at a bear belonging to a party of traveling gypsies. They ran for about three quarters of a mile and when near the bridge broke the wagon and everything in it. No one was injured.

The gypsies had been camping in a grove near the river and this afternoon Deputy Sheriff Sam Stabler ordered them away.

Sure War With Spain
Is what everybody predicts, but a sure thing is what you can get for your Sunday meal in season: Strawberries, Radishes, Pie Plant, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Cucumbers, Leaf Lettuce, Head Lettuce, Oyster Plant, Michigan and California Celery, Springs, Ducks, Turkeys, Broilers. Call up 344 Old and New phones, and always get latest bulletins. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. 2d

Sales of Real Estate.

J E Osborne to John W Heath, lot 7 in block 2 of J E Osborne's addition of out lots to Decatur; $550.

C D Coddington to Louise J Coddington, one-sixth interest in lot 11 of block 1 in Syndicate addition to Decatur; also property in Coles county; $3000.

—Mrs Snively and Mrs. Cassell of Springfield, who will attend the organization of the district federation of Woman's club tomorrow, will be entertained by Mrs. J. H. Sears.

—Miss Rebecca Hanks of Emery is visiting with Decatur friends.

—Mrs. James Hight and daughter of Macon shopped in the city today.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McConnell of Oreana visited with friends in the city today.

The members of the G. A. R. will meet at the hall tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock to attend the funeral of the late Captain Brown. All members are urged to be present.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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Retaliation.

"That Mrs. Slimmers next door is the meanest woman on the street."

"What has she done?"

"You know how she's alway running over here to use our 'phone? Well, I got tired of it, and yesterday told Bridget to say to her that the line was busy."

"Yes."

"This morning I found our clothes line was broken in two pieces, and I sent Bridget over to the Slimmers' to borrow theirs. And what do you think that wretched woman said to her?"

"'Line's busy'—ha, ha, ha!"

"No, she didn't. She said they had two, and she'd give me one. Did you ever hear of anything so contemptibly sarcastic?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Won Many War Trophies.

Luxemburg, the great French soldier, was called "the upholsterer of Notre Dame," from the number of captured flags he sent to be hung as trophies in that cathedral.—N. Y. Sun.

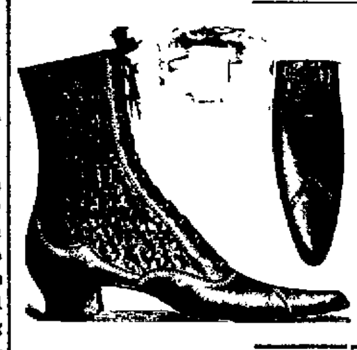
—A woman never knows what she really thinks of a man until she has married him.—Truth.

SIMPLY——

On Account of the Change of Our Location to

143 East Main St.,

We have decided to make attractive prices on all New, Stylish and Entirely Reliable Footwear for Spring.



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THE GATES MICROSCOPE.

Wonderful Discovery by a Washington Professor.

By It the Magnifying Power of the Microscope Is Increased—He Tells the Story of His Discovery.

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It is now possible for the human eye to see an object magnified 3,000,000 times. Heretofore 10,000 times has been the limit. But Prof. Elmer Gates, of Washington, has found that a second microscope can be used to view and magnify again a small part of the image produced by the first microscope.

The eye cannot, of course, see the image directly, but it can see a reproduction of the image, and thus microscopy is carried as far beyond the present art as it is itself beyond the power of the eye. Here is Prof. Gates' own story of his discovery:

"I have recently improved the performance of the microscope by removing from the objectives and oculars all those supplementary lenses which are used to correct chromatic aberration, and I have also succeeded in obtaining a magnification of the surface details of opaque objects by a new method. The old method consisted of focussing upon the upper surface of the opaque object on the microscopic slide the projecting beams of light from a bull's eye condenser.

"Of course the rays under these circumstances are reflected divergently and enter the objective while diverging, but the objective has been made to utilize parallel rays and hence good definition has not been obtained. By the new method I reflect a parallelized beam of light from the surface of the opaque object, and catch the reflected beam with the microscope so that it shall enter the instrument parallel to its longitudinal axis; the result is very great detail; but when I use light near the upper end of the spectrum, I find that most opaque objects are slightly transparent, and I have succeeded in focussing a sixth-inch objective upon a muscle cell in my own finger and can see the cell distinctly through the three skin layers and the sub-cutaneous cellular tissue. I can even see a bone cell in my finger indistinctly by this method.

"I have demonstrated to a great number of people that with a half-inch lens in the second microscope and a one-sixth in the first I can get much greater detail and much greater magnification than can be obtained with a 25-inch oil immersion objective.

"I use the best known form of microscope and prepare the slides and slidings and stabings in the usual way; and focus and illuminate so as to get the clearest magnification of the object, when viewed through the usual ocular. Then I remove the outer lens of the ocular.

"It can be shown that the 'virtual' image produced by the ocular and eye, although it looks much larger than the 'real' image, adds no new details to the real image. This fact is known to many modern microscopists. I therefore use the 'real' image as the starting point for my new microscope.

"I bring down upon this 'real' image, or 'focal plane,' the objective of my second microscope, and thus magnify the 'real' image so as to exhibit in it details which cannot be seen when this real image is viewed through the ocular of the first microscope.

"This is due not only to the special powers of the second microscope, but to an advantage which I have taken of a unique fact in photography—namely, that when two lines, markings or colors in an image are too close together, the sensitive plate will not record them as two but as one. Thus, when I ruled two lines upon a metal plate very near each other, the image of these lines thrown by a camera upon a sensitive plate would irradiate in the film, and the picture would show only one line.

"The line of light falling on the photo-salt in the film spreads by molecular irradiation over more area than the actual width of the line of light, and there is also diffused reflection of this line of light by the semi-transparent substance of the film. To these two causes is due the fact that when the details of two structures are too close together in the image of an object, these structures will photograph as one, and thus the detail will be lost.

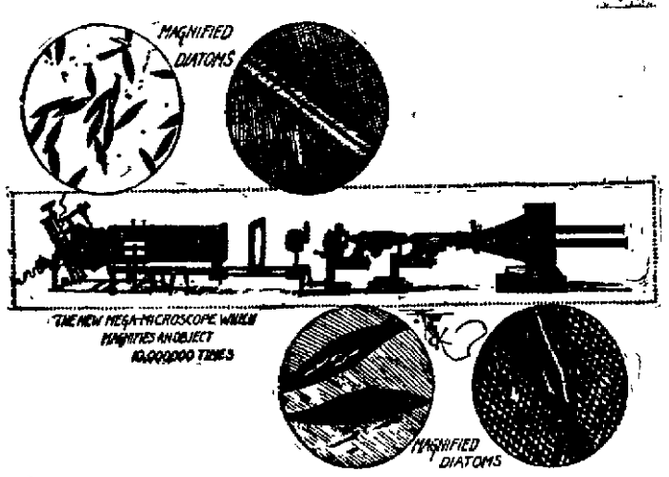
"The line of demarcation between them will, in the film of the sensitive plate, be obliterated by the irradiated and diffused light. This is why all details below a certain size are lost in a photomicrograph. The space between two points that are too close together on a film is acted on by the light irradiated by these points. The two points are separated by magnification to such a distance that when the photograph is made the irradiation will not cover the space between the points.

"The first microscope takes the light from a very small object and spreads it over an area of sensitive plate 100,000,000 times as great as the area of the object from which it comes, hence the light has only one hundred millionth of the intensity with which it started from the object. The light is already too weak to photograph with, if the best results are desired. But if we select some small area of this faint image and subject it to another magnification of 600 additional diameters, the light becomes further weakened until it is only one three hundred and sixty thousandth as strong as it was previously, and the natural eye cannot see the second magnification because the light is too weak. Yet after remaining several hours in a completely darkened room, the eye can see such magnification very faintly.

"When a sensitive plate is put in place of the eye, it acts cumulatively; the faint light rays which the eye cannot see fall hour by hour upon the plate, and slowly accumulate enough effect to make a visible picture. The structural lines which in the image of the first microscope are too near together to be photographed as distinct objects, are in the image of the second microscope 600 times farther apart, and so do not blend by diffusion and irradiation.

"It is not very difficult to distinguish on a good photomicrograph, made by best modern methods, lines which in the original object are not more than one ten-thousandth of a millimeter apart, but much beyond this limit the microscope and the photomicroscope refuse to go, because the images of these lines on the sensitive plate affect the photo-salts in the space between them, in consequence of diffusion and irradiation.

"The instrument just described opens an entirely new domain in several sciences, and it will require years of earnest work to go over the new fields. The application of the new method to the telescope has been demonstrated, and when once the instrument is completed it will produce results far beyond any hitherto obtained.



"The new microscope is already proving of great interest to medical research, and we may expect to arrive at a knowledge of life which would have been unattainable but for this discovery.

"ELMER GATES."

TWO PET BUTTERFLIES.

The Strange Winter Companions of a New England Lady.

A young woman who lives in a New England town had a unique experience with butterflies. She happened to be in the garden on a warm day in the fall, and noticed a brown butterfly fluttering about, rather languidly, among the few remaining flowers.

She caught it without much trouble, and carried it to her room, where the windows were screened, and let it loose. The little insect accepted the situation, and conducted herself as if quite at home. The substantial New England name of Maria Silsbee was bestowed upon it—though not eminently appropriate. Maria's food and drink were placed on the window sill, and consisted of a lump of sugar moistened by a drop of water, and she partook of this by unfurling her long spiral trunk, which resembled the hairspring of a watch, and inserting the end in the sugar.

Maria was not fated to live in solitude. One day there appeared in the room another butterfly of similar appearance, but more sprightly in behavior. No one could account for its being there, unless the maid had left the screen up for a few moments while making up the room. The stranger was named Jonathan Matthews. He was far more venturesome than Maria, and of not so docile a temperament. But he was never seen to eat. Possibly a false feeling of pride or diffidence restrained him from doing so in anyone's presence.

The fame of this young woman's two companions spread abroad, and visitors to her room were frequent. This did not seem to ruffle the equanimity of either. At last, Maria, indifferent to the joys of a worldly existence, settled down in a comfortable corner, and remained there, to all appearances a corpse. She had decided to hibernate—and hibernate she did for several months. Jonathan, on the contrary, was very active. Thus they remained for most of the winter.

One day Maria awoke, but in the words of Hamlet—"to die—to sleep—to stay."

When the days became warmer and the spring flowers appeared in evidence that there was again honey in the land for vagrant butterflies, the screen was pushed up and the solitary Jonathan flew joyously forth. He has never been seen since.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

As Told by Mark Twain.

"Benjamin Franklin was always proud of telling how he entered Philadelphia for the first time with nothing in the world but two shillings in his pocket and four rolls of bread under his arm. But really, when you come to examine it critically, it was nothing. Anybody could have done it."

PITH AND POINT.

—Teaching Johnnie Manners.—"Johnnie, will you have some soup?" "No." "No what?" "No soup."—Scribner's.

—Handicapped.—"Who is your favorite author?" "Pardon me, sir, but I am an author myself." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—She (after the quarrel)—"And must we part forever, Harry?" He—"Well, at least until to-morrow night, Maud."—Tit-Bits.

—Beaten, for Once.—Druggist—"See here! Why didn't you tell the customes that we had something just as good?" New Clerk—"Because he was after some postage stamps."—Puck.

—Not a Confession.—"Did he confess his love?" "I don't think so. From what I know of the affair, I am inclined to believe that she drew it out of him by cross-examination."—Chicago Evening Post.

—Lost.—"Have you followed my argument so far?" inquired the verbose gentleman. "Yes," replied his impatient friend. "But I tell you candidly, I'd quit its company right here if I thought I could find my way back."—Washington Star.

—Passenger (at depot)—"Can I take a train from here to St. Louis?" Gateman—"You'll have to see the superintendent of the company about that." Passenger—"Why, what has he got to do with my takin a train?" Gateman—"He employs all the engineers."—Chicago News.

—Not His Experience. — "Troubled with sleeplessness, are you?" said the passenger with the skull-cap. "Try celery. Anybody who makes a free use of celery will sleep like a top." "That isn't my experience," replied the passenger with the patch over his eye. "I raised celery one season, and I had to get up every morning at four o'clock to take it to market."—Chicago Tribune.

Too late to cure a cold after consumption has fastened its deadly grip on the lungs. Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup while yet there is time. Sold by all druggists.

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After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

B. F. Harris of Champaign will build a 32x100 feet barn with bins for 10,000 bushels of grain at Harris station, near Mahomet.

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John Albers of Lowe township, Livingston county, tried for insanity, was found sane, and the costs of the proceedings taxed upon J. H. Abers.

What's the secret of happy, vigorous health? Simply keeping the bowels, the stomach, the liver and kidneys strong and active. Burdock Blood Bitters does it. Sold by all druggists.

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John Schiller has begun to build a $2500 residence at Fairbury.

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W. T. Nazworthy, aged 69 years, of Sullivan, has begun suit for divorce, alleging desertion and other statutory grounds.

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No question indeed with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure, is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and Bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

J. D. Watson of Farmer City, has sold his residence to M. Whitaker for $900.

Miss Etta E. Boynton and Charles M. Short were married at Boynton.

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There is more honesty and virtue contained in a bottle of Salvation Oil, than in any other imiment known. "Mrs. A. Fiedler, 2834 Palethorp St., Philadelphia, Pa., confirms this truth: She found Salvation Oil to be an excellent remedy for rheumatism, stiff joints, bruises, etc., and thinks it should always be kept in the house." Don't listen to the dealer's arguments in favor of a substitute. Insist on getting Salvation Oil, it costs only 25 cts.

Chronic Diseases Cured.

The day of so called "incurable diseases" is past. Owing to the great advances made in science and invention within the past few years. There is hardly a disease that cannot be successfully coped with by the great physician, properly equipped with the genius and knowledge to diagnose the case, and then the newly invented and improved surgical instruments and medicine for treatment.

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Headache and Dizziness?
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The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculous as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one whose names may appear among these testimonials.)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE,

Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES," Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 12 '93.

GENTLEMEN—I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four C Remedy," so far as I am personal y cancerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I coughed nearly the entire night; just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this wholly unsolicited by any one, for you are benefactors of the race in giving it the antidote for some of the worst affections to which it is heir. Very truly yours,

C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91.

Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough; slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.

MISS JENNIE BASSETT,
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CROUP CURED.

One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure, gave my child instant relief when attacked with the croup.

W. E. MOORE, of Moore Bros., Grocers, Arkansas City, Kansas.

UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.

J. B. HUDING, Manager, Office Commercial Printing Co., 195 South Clark St. Chicago, Nov. 24, '96.

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.

Yours, J. B. HUDING.

ACUTE LARNYGITIS.

Chicago, Sept. 25, '96.

For years back each winter I have suffered with acute larngitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough preparation from cough drops up and down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the first night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It's as different from other like remedies as molasses from vinegar or sugar from sand.

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5313 Madison Ave.

IT IS A MIRACLE.

Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodasha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C." "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."

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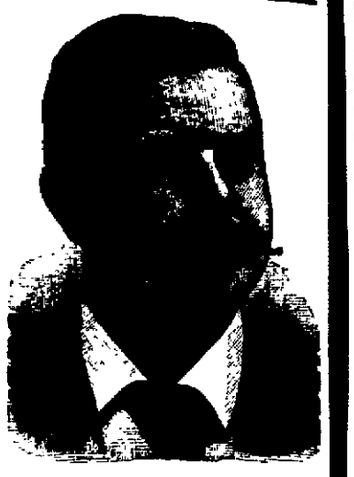

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6. Lot southeast corner Eldorado and Church streets, seven rooms.
7. Lot 48 feet front, 237 West Eldorado, eight rooms.
8. Lot 14, Warren & Co's 7th addition, North Edward street, in the orchard, vacant.
9. 880 acres of land in Holt county, Nebraska, unimproved.
Sealed bids will be received up to Friday noon, February 25th inst., for the purchase of any portion or all of this property. Terms cash. Blank forms for bids furnished on application. For further information inquire of S. S. Jack, assignee of Michael Eichinger. 9-d2w

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss. In the Circuit Court.
George V. Loring, Complainant, vs Emily J. Smith, et al, Defendants, In Chancery. No. 16603.
Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on
Tuesday, March 15, 1898,
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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
E. S. McDonald, Complainant's Solicitor. feb. 21-d6d

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating company will be held at their office on Tuesday, March 1st, 1898, at the hour of 5 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before said meeting.
O. W. DAWSON, Secretary. 19-d4d

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
Frances G. Winslow, executrix, etc., Complainant, vs. Frank L. Hays, et. al., defendants.—In Chancery No. 16598.
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on
Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1898,
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The east half of lot Nine (9) and Thirty (30) feet in width off of the west side of lot Eight (8), all in block One (1) of Berry H. Cassell's Fifth addition to the city of Decatur, situated in Macon county, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF MACON. } ss. In the Circuit Court.
H. Mueller, Complainant, vs. Clara E. Wood, et. al., Defendant.—In Chancery No. 16441.
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on
Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:
The south half of lot Twelve (12) in the resurvey of lots Two (2,) Three (3) and Four (4) of block Three (3) of Prather & Adamson's addition of outlots to the City of Decatur, situated in Macon County, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1898.
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John Fuller, Conservator, etc., Complainant, vs. Randolph J. Simpson et. al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16 499.
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Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898,
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Lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty five (25) in block one (1) of H. A. Wood's Second Addition to the city of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Alexander McIntosh Complainant's Solicitor.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Young, Debtor.
The undersigned hereby gives notice that John W. Young, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1898, transfer to one John A. Dawson, as assignee, all his personal property (the said John W. Young not being possessed of any real estate) for the benefit of his creditors except such as is allowed him under the exemption laws of the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments; that the said John A. Dawson, on the 8th day of January, A. D 1898, resigned as such assignee, and the undersigned was, by order of the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, appointed assignee in the place of John A. Dawson, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1898.
All persons having claims against the said John W. Young are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from the date hereof.
Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1898.
GEORGE K. MORGAN, Assignee. Jan 11-d5w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis B. Casner, and against Clara E. Walker nee Hyman, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4,) Block three (3,) of Kaufman's addition to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Clara E. Walker nee Eyman, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 18th day of March A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.
Dated this 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon County, Illinois. Feb 21-d3w

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
James F. Thomas, Complainant, vs. Benedict M. Brookshier et al., Defendants—In Chancery No. 16235.
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Saturday, March 12, 1898,
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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Complainant's Solicitors. Feb 18-d3w

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Estate of Susan H. Abel, Debtor.
The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H. Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property, real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.
All persons having claims against the said Susan H. Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.
Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898.
Jan. 21-d6w J. W. RAOE, Assignee.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.
CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR., Administrator. 29 d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Henry F. May, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry F. May, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 17th day of January, 1898.
ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator, Jan 17-d3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Charles S. Hankins and against John S. Danley George M. Danley, I have levied upon the following decribed property, to-wit: The undivided interest of John S. Darnley in lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), Delia Abbott's addition to the Village of Niantic, in Macon County, State of Illinois, taken as property of the said John S. Danley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.
This 9th day of February, A. D., 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon Co., Ill. f10-d1d

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph K. Love, Deceased
The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Joseph K. Love, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April, 1898, next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 16th day of February, 1898.
ELIZA J. LOVE, Executrix. Feb 16-d3w

Through Buffet Sleeping Car to Mackinaw, Mich.

Commencing June 21st, the Vandalia Line will resume through Pullman Buffet Sleeping Car Service between St. Louis and Mackinaw Sleepers will run via Terre Haute, St. Joseph Grand Rapids and Petoskey-Bay View. This will be the only line of through cars from St. Louis to the delightful and cool resorts of Michigan. Southbound the last sleeping car for the season will leave Mackinaw Sunday night, September 26, 1897. For detailed information address nearest Vandalia Line Agent, or E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
Charles C. LeForgee, Trustee, Complainant, vs. G. Edward Schulz et al., Defendants.—In Chancery, No. 16,549.
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court, A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on
Thursday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1898,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: The north half of lot one (1), in block one (1), in William Martin's Second Addition to the City of Decatur, situate in Macon county, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 23d day of February, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Le Forgee & Lee, Complainant's Solicitors.

Executrix' Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order and decree of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned, executrix of the estate of James F. Kazar, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased at the February term A. D. 1898 of said court, to-wit: the 15th day of Febtuary, 1898, I will on
The 26th Day of March, A. D. 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said Macon county, the real estate described as follows, to-wit: Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, in Block 1, in Bellevue Place, in said Macon county; also an undivided one-half interest in Lot 1 and 2 feet off the east side of Lot 2, of Brown & Gehrman's Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 in Allen, McReynolds & Co.'s Addition to the said City of Decatur; subject to incumbrances, for cash in hand on day of sale.
METELLA E. GOUKER, Formerly Metella Kazar, Executrix of the Estate of James F. Kazar, deceased. Decatur, Ill., Feb. 22, 1898. [24-d4w

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:
Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.
St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.
Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2.00, for the round trip.
One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.
California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily.
Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.
Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the routes, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.
Account Spring meetings of Merchants' Associations, at one and one third fare, on certificate plan: St Louis, sell Feb 20 to 27; March 6 to 13; April 3 to 16. Chicago, sell Feb. 23 to March 4; March 30 to April 6. Milwaukee, sell Feb. 23 to March 2.
For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following points:
Home seekers excursions to principal points in the south, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Good returning every Tuesday or Friday for twenty-one days. One fare plus $2 for round trip.
One way settlers' tickets sold to the South on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.
Winter tourist tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.
For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to K. Harwood General Agent, or C. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent I., D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

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Dr. T. S. Hankins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. Jan 24-d4w1y

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

[Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.]

Wabash Lines

TO CHICAGO.	FROM CHICAGO.
13..... * 1:05 a m	12..... * 3:55 a m
14..... *11:45 a m	15..... * 3:55 p m
16..... † 9:20 a m	17..... † 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.	**FROM ST. LOUIS.**
8..... * 4:05 a m	6..... * 5:25 a m
11..... * 7:00 a m	24..... *11:25 a m
26..... † 4:05 p m	14..... *11:42 a m
15..... * 4:00 p m	10..... * 8:05 p m
1..... *12:15 a m	2..... *11:17 p m
7..... * 7:30 p m	12..... *12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.	**FROM TOLEDO.**
6..... * 5:28 a m	1..... *12:10 a m
4..... *11:30 a m	7..... * 7:17 p m
2..... *11:20 p m	5..... * 3:50 p m
10 Ft W.ac., *11:30 p m	3..... * 2:20 a m
34 Eff. Acc. *4:40 p m	11 From Ft W *12:50 p m
	35 Eff. Accom *10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.	**FROM QUINCY.**
5..... * 4:07 p m	4..... *11:25 a m
13..... * 4:10 a m	12..... *10:50 p m
17 Spfd only † 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg † 9:15 a m
35..... *10:55 a m	34 Eff. acm. † 4:35 p m
11 Bluff acm † 7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs † 6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1.....10:35 a. m.	A No. 2.....2:50 p. m.
D No. 3.....10:10 p. m.	A No. 4.....6:25 a. m.
A No. 11.....2:40 p. m.	S No. 86.....7:10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2.....3:00p. m.	A No. 1.....10:45 a. m.
A No. 4.....6:35 a. m.	D No. 3.....10:20 p. m.
S No. 85.....7:20 a. m.	S No. 86.....3:15 p. m.
A No. 10.....10: 35a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	

Vandalia Line.
In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.
No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday.....6:35 a m
No. 12—Except Sunday.....7:40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday.....3:35 p
FROM TERRE HAUTE.
No. 7—Except Sunday.....10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday.....5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday.....7:05 p m
DEPARTS WEST.
No. 5—Ex. Sunday.....7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight, ex. Sunday.....7:30 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday.....10:55 a m
FROM PEORIA.
No. 6—Ex. Sunday.....3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday.....4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday.....8:30 p m
For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass.....*2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass.....*10:55 p m
No. 3 Pass.....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass.....†11:30 a m
" 7.....10:00 a m	" 8.....2:40 a m
" 9.....*8:00 p m	" 10.....4:00 p m

*Daily. †Except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.
No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....* 1:32 a. m.
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....* 11:52 a. m.
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign..* 6:10 a. m.
No. 104 Main Line North.....* 11:25 a. m.
No. 126 Main Line North.....† 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves.....† 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana.....* 3:10 a. m.
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana.....* 3:37 p. m.
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana.....† 9:30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo.....* 4:03 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South.....† 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives.....* 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives.....† 10:20 a. m.
*—Daily. †—Daily Except Sunday.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Nancy J. Fisher, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Nancy J. Fisher, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 17th day of February, 1898.
JESSE FISHER, Executor. Feb 17-d3w

Executor's Notice.

Estate of Samuel Heft, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Samuel Heft, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 7th day of February, 1898.
WM. V. HEFT, Executor. Feb 8-d3w

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

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The grocers' profit is no concern of yours. If you want the Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages insist on getting it. It is the easiest and quickest polishing starch made.—18-d1mo.

There was no city lights for two and a half hours last night due to an accident to the dynamo engine at the city plant. All is in good shape now.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

The Wabash paid $75 toward defraying the expenses of the funeral of Curtis Kemp, who was killed by a switch engine on February 17. There is no ground for action against the company and the $75 was simply a gift.

—Miss Effie Blair of Blue Mound, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Easterly.

To-night is the regular meeting of Decatur Lodge No. 364, I. O. G. T.

"The Hunchback" an original comedy in 4 acts by the Holden Co. tonight. Two for 30 cents at the reserve sale.

Decatur Encampment, No. 37, I. O. O. F., will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the royal purple degree. C. M. Borchers, Scribe.

The remains of the late Captain W. J. Brown may be viewed by friends at the residence at 337 South Main street between the hours of 9 and 11 tomorrow forenoon. The funeral services will be held at the residence at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial at Greenwood.

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

The Decatur Guards.

Captain Cassell of the Decatur Guards is having his command put in shape so that they could be called together on very short notice. The men are divided up into squads with a sergeant in charge of each division. The address of each man is being secured so that they could be mobilized on very short notice. There has been no official announcement that the company has received any notice from higher authorities for preparing the men for action, but at any rate proper steps are being taken.

Attention, Dunham Post.

Members of Dunham Post, No. 141, will assemble in G. A. R. hall at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow (Friday), to attend the funeral of our late comrade, W. J. Brown. K. Harwood, Commander R. P. Lytle, Adjutant.

A Fire Alarm.

There was a little blaze this morning at the home of William Krigbaum on South Main street. A small hole in the wall was burned and only slight damage was done. The fire caught from a defective flue. The West Main street crew and the hook and ladder from Morgan street responded to the alarm.

Alice Ogle will do "The Yellow Kid" at the opera house tonight.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.

LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

Caught.

Springfield News: John Hiner was arrested early this morning by Deputy Sheriff Ishmael, and placed in jail, on the charge of wife abandonment. His wife claims that he deserted her several months ago and has since refused to provide for her. She is now in Decatur.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK

coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

BASKET BALL

Decatur Y. M. C. A. Team Going to Springfield.

DOUBLE WEDDING LAST NIGHT

Social Event at the Myers Home in Long Creek Township—Civil Service Examination.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team will go to Springfield this afternoon and tonight will play with the team of the Springfield association. The two teams have played together four times, each winning two games. The game tonight will be the last of the season and will be the championship game for the season. The two teams are very evenly matched and it is likely that the struggle will be a hard one. In each game that has been played by the two teams the score of the winner has been 13. The line up for the Decatur team will be as follows: Center, Guy Williams; forwards, Homer Erwin and Lou White; guards, Clyde Johnson and Amzi Barr. The substitute will be Bert Dehart and Ralph Mills. The referee will be C. J. Pennington and the umpire J. H. Latham. Secretary Stewart will go as manager of the team. The line up for the Springfield team will be as follows: Center, White; forwards, James and Adams; guards, Constant and Didlake. The Decatur boys will leave at 4 o'clock this afternoon and will return home after the game.

The members of the reception committee of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting last night at the association rooms to plan their work for the coming year. Members have been appointed to be at the rooms each night in the week to receive those who visit the place.

The association gymnasium has been supplied with new towels for the baths.

Secretary Stewart will go to Mattoon Saturday evening and on Sunday will take part in a big Y. M. C. A. rally which will be held at that place by the church members. He will deliver two addresses.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

At the Home of Louis Myers in Long Creek Township.

There was a brilliant double wedding Wednesday evening (February 23) at the home of the parents of the brides, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Myers, in Long Creek township. Several hundred guests were present and the arrangements for the event were made on an elaborate scale. The wedding march was played by Miss Mary Clark, and Rev. F. M. Johnson of the North Fork Cumberland Presbyterian church was the officiating minister. The couples married were Hayden Veech and Miss Mac Myers, and George R. Wheeler and Miss Elizabeth Myers, who stood at the altar in the parlor 'neath a large floral arch. The brides were attired in gowns of white cashmere and carried white roses. A sumptuous wedding supper was served to all present. Mr. Wheeler is at present a school teacher, but in the spring he will engage in farming pursuits. Mr. Veech is a grain merchant and farmer. Today the couples were given a reception by the parents of Mr. Veech and Friday there will be a reception at the Wheeler home place.

Home Wedding.

A large company of friends gathered last evening at the home of Mrs. Gepford, 559 South Webster street, mother of the groom, to witness the happy marriage of Fred Gepford and Miss Eva Beall. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. B. Spayd of the U. B. church. The guests partook of a bountiful wedding repast.

THREE FAILED TO PASS.

Result of the Civil Service Examination Held in December.

Secretary Hancock of the Decatur civil service examination board today received the report of the department as to the result of the examination held on December 6 last. Those who fell below 70 in the marks will have to try again for place in the government service. Below is a copy of the report:

FOR CLERK.

Thomas E. Buxton—63.75.
William E. Briggs—62.20.
C. E. Vermilion—77.20.
A. W. Long—75.48.

FOR CARRIERS.

John F. Cassell—62.80.
C. A. Carter—82.95.
C. E. Baldridge—81.65.
Bruce Ferguson—75.10.
E. B. Parker—74.50.
S. D. Ferris—74.30.
J. L. Keller—72.25.
J. W. Cloyd—71.10.
Charles E. Medford—70.30.

Illustrated songs—Shadowgraph Illuminated views—and clever specialties at Powers' opera house tonight. The Holdens have a great company of actors and specialists.

PERSONAL.

—Will L. Smith left this morning for Wapella.

—K. Harwood went to Chicago on business this morning.

—W. F. Busher is in Dalton City on business.

—Rev. W. C. Miller went to Chicago this morning on business.

—E. M. Johnson of the Indianapolis Millinery Co., is in the city.

—John H. Elliott of West Decatur street, is confined to his home by illness.

—Mrs. S. S. Bullard, who was seriously ill, is much improved.

—Miss Lulu Beall of Warrensburg is the guest of friends in the city.

—R. J. Hamilton of Harristown was in the city yesterday.

—Dr. O. R. Allen was able to be out yesterday for the first time since the death of his brother.

—Trainmaster Porterfield of the Illinois Central was in the city today on business.

—Fred Bonnifield has gone to Indianapolis to make his home. He will attend school in that city.

—Supervisor Donavan of the Illinois Central was in the city today from Pana.

—Joseph Eaton has purchased a fruit farm at Durant, Miss., and will leave at once for his new home.

—John B. Freeman today joined Mrs. Freeman at Champaign for a short visit with friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, of Lake City, will leave next week for a permanent residence at Huntsville, Ala.

—Mrs. H. F. May will leave today for St. Louis, where she will visit with relatives for several weeks.

—Miss Grace Guyton, of Illiopolis, will arrive this evening for a visit with Miss Cora Short.

—T. E. Smith of the Western Fireman and Journal of Public Works was in the city yesterday to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Illinois Firemen's association.

—Mrs. Charles Laux and Mrs. W. L. McDonald left yesterday for Terre Haute, Ind., having been called there on account of the of their sister Mrs. Albert J. Kelly.

—Miss Lilian Drew went to Sangamon this morning to attend the reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Veech today to their son and his wife, who were married at Long Creek on Wednesday.

—Walter Wyatt of Peoria, W. D. Cooper of Elliott and Dr. E. D. Carr of Argenta, Ill., are guests of friends in the city and will attend the Augustine-Johnson wedding tonight.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper of Pekin and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cooper and son, Frank, of Cooper, Ill., father and brother of Mrs. M. E. Augustine, are in the city to attend the Augustine-Johnson wedding this evening.

ENTERTAINMENT.

To be Given by Ladies of Edward St. Christian Church.

The ladies of the Edward Street Christian church will give an entertainment at the church on Monday evening. The first half of the program will consist of musical numbers and the second half will be a character photograph album. Miss Mary Abrams will give the history of each photograph as it appears.

Returned from Texas.

David Woodland of Arcola, who was a member of the Bolen party which left here 10 days ago for a trip through Texas in search of land investments, returned yesterday. Mr. Bolen found Spring well advanced in Texas along the Gulf coast, the grass being abundant feed for the cattle and strawberries plentiful. The battleship Texas was lying in the harbor at Galveston at the time of his visit at that place and Mr. Bolen found an inspection of this massive war vessel one of the most pleasant and interesting features of his trip.

Lenten Facts.

That you are permitted to eat the following: Fresh Trout, White, Red Snapper, Black Bass, Croppie, Cat, Smeltz, Codfish, Blue Fish, Scallops, Pickerel, Buffalo, Boned Herring, last but not least those delicacies, Blue Point Shell Oysters, all of which can be had for the asking of Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—23d-1w

Temporary Insanity.

James Sizemand, an old man living at 886 South Colfax street, this morning in a fit of temporary insanity, demolished several pieces of furniture in the house, pulled down partitions and doors in the barn and tore things up generally. He was finally controlled and a physician sent for. He is resting quietly this afternoon.

Household Economics.

The household economic class will not meet tomorrow afternoon as usual. The meeting is postponed on account of the funeral of Captain W. J. Brown.

The Holden Comedy Co. as it is at present is the best popular priced attraction that ever played here. Go tonight and get two seats for 30 cents.

FINISH TO-MORROW

The Case of Mrs. Diehl vs. David Garver Closing.

EDWARDS DAMAGE SUIT

Will be Next Case Taken Up To-morrow—Entries To-Day on the Chancery and Common Law Dockets.

The case of Mrs. Diehl vs. David M. Garver, administrator of the estate of David Garver, Sr., will come to a close tomorrow. The case has been in progress since last Monday in the circuit court. Today Mr. Garver was on the stand to testify in defense. The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow morning.

The next case to be taken up will likely be that of John Ewdards vs. the Decatur Cereal Mill company. Edwards had a foot cut off in the machinery while employed at the mill and is now suing for damages. The entries on the court dockets today were as follows:

COMMON LAW CASES.

Suffern Hunt & Co. vs. the Western Union Telegraph company; assumpsit. Demurrer to special plea and demurrer overruled and leave to reply.

George S. Simpson vs. D. O. Miltimore, assumpsit. Leave to file additional count.

David W. Bray vs. John Bickle trespass. Motion to strike second plea from files overruled.

CHANCERY CASES.

J. C. Riggin et al vs. Byron Cheever; change of venue from Moultrie county. By agreement motion allowed and cause referred to master for correction and further testimony.

Clinton Bear vs. John A. Dawson; assignee, et al; foreclosure. Leave to file answer on behalf of assignee.

Fredrick Dipper vs. Anna Hamsher, et al; foreclosure. Master's report approved, cause heard, decree of foreclosure for $842 07 and costs, sale etc. Receiver's bond $400.

William H. Collins vs. Carrie G. Collins, et al; partition. C. M. Borchers appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

Morris F. Barteau vs. The Decatur Packing company, et al; foreclosure. Master's report approved, cause heard and decree of foreclosure for $701.94 and costs and sale, etc. Receiver's bond $500.

FUNERALS TO-DAY.

Burial of Mrs. John Y. Braden This Morning—Funeral of Mrs. Rogers.

The remains of Mrs. J. Y. Braden, who died suddenly several days ago at her home north of the city, were brought to Decatur this morning. The funeral was held from the Edward Street Christian church at 11 o'clock. The services were largely attended and were conducted by Rev. Marion Stevenson the pastor. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Rogers was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Father Brady officiated. The funeral was largely attended. The burial took place at Calvary cemetery.

The funeral of William J. Brown will occur tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence on South Main street. Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Still Detained.

The work of repairing the water works plant is yet at a standstill on account of the fact that the cross head for the Allis engine has not yet arrived. The Allis firm are behind in their orders but they promised to get the cross head made ahead of other orders. It has been expected every day but has not yet arrived. The work on the plant will be finished very quickly after the cross head arrives.

The Kaldescope Dance by Misses DeLorme and Holden at the Powers' opera house tonight. It's fine. See it. Two for 30 cents.

W. T. Nazworthy, aged 69 years, of Sullivan, has begun suit for divorce, alleging desertion and other statutory grounds.

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No War Scare in Washington Patiently for the

Populace in Spain Hungry for Snubbed at Madrid--Stor Maine Shows Evidence Blown Up, Due to E

Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretaries Sherman and Alger were present at the cabinet meeting tody, the first time for several weeks, owing to sickness. The Maine disaster was discussed at some length, but no action taken. It was said at the close of the meeting that nothing new developed.

Court of Inquiry.

Havana, Feb. 25.—The naval court of inquiry continued its session today. The members hope to get away to Key West late this evening or early tomorrow morning. The wounded are doing well. The tug Right Arm is at work removing such parts of the wreck as it is possible to handle in advance of the arrival of the stronger tugs and derricks.

Conclusive Evidence.

New York, Feb. 25.—The Herald's Havana special says: There is no reason to doubt but that the Maine was wrecked by a force from beneath. Part of the keel forward is bent upward, so that parts show above water.

Story Had No Effect.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The published statement that the Maine explosion has been demonstrated to be of an exterior origin by the discovery of the heaved bottom did not cause much stir at the navy department, because the officials could not conceive that members of the court of inquiry and their assistants in Havana had overlooked a fact so important, notwithstanding it must have been perfectly apparent.

Of Course Not—Now.

New York, Feb. 25.—The World's Havana special says: The chief of staff of the minister of marine says there are no mines in the Havana harbor in the vicinity of the place where the Maine was anchored.

The Terror is Just Waiting.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The monitor Terror is lying in Hampton Roads. It is said at the navy department that she has received no orders yet. The impression is that she will remain there, a point of great strategic value in case of need, at least till the Puritan is ready to replace her, which may be early next month.

WAR MUST COME.

Spaniards Anxious to Begin the Struggle Against America.

London, Feb. 25.—A Madrid special says: The reports from the United States that public opinion there is becoming more excited, owing to the impression that the loss of the Maine was not due to accident, is stirring popular feeling in Madrid and the conviction is increasing in ministerial circles that the worst must be expected. The prospect of war is popular with all parties and the more excitable newspapers are urging the government to strike the first decisive blow.

DENIAL OF A RUMOR.

Nothing in the Story that Railways are Preparing to Haul Troops.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—The rumor that the government is securing from railway